PROCEEDING

—OF THE—

Fifty-fourth Annual Convention

—OF THE—

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

Held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Nebraska,
October 12 to 14, 1926

REV. A. O. FRANK, Pastor

—ALSO—

MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

—OF THE—

Lutheran Brotherhood

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
April 9th, 1926
Omaha, Nebr.

—ALSO—

MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

—OF THE—

Women's Missionary Society

of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska
Held in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska,
October 12th to 14th, 1926

Synodical Calendar for 1926-1927

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PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR.

Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, May 17-19, 1927.

Communion Sermon—Rev. Walter A. Voss; alternate, Rev. C. L. Stager.
Ordination Sermon—Rev. H. A. Anspach; alternate, Rev. O. W. Ebright.
Chaplain—Rev. R. A. White; alternate, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

SYNODICAL DISTRICTS.

1. Northeast District—South Sioux City; Dakota City, Salem and Emmanuel; Homer; Hubbard; Ponca; Allen; Emerson and Wayne.
2. Omaha District—Omaha, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, Kountze Memorial, First English of Benson, Redeemer, Grace; and Tekamah.
3. Southeast District—Auburn; Nebraska City; Stella; Verdon, and Falls City.
4. Lincoln District—Lincoln, Grace and St. James; Eagle; Walton; Wilber; Beatrice; Spring Valley, and Hardy.
5. Fremont District—Fremont; Hooper; West Point; Leigh, and Creston.
6. Central District—York; Rising City; Grand Island; Wolbach; Ericson; Hampton; Benedict, Bethel and Zion; McCool Junction; Davenport, and Stamford, two churches.
7. Western District—North Platte; Oshkosh; Lewellen; Paxton; Sutherland; Sidney; Gurley; Bridgeport and Potter.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES

Minister.	Ord.	Ent. Synod	Tues.	Wed.	Wed.	Thurs.	Thurs.
Anspach, H. A.	1913	1924	0	0	0	0	0
Baltzly, O. D., D. D.	1896	1911	---	0	0	---	---
Block, F.	1924	1924	---	---	---	---	---
Bream, C. S.	1913	1923	0	0	0	0	0
Cordts, H. C.	1926	1925	0	0	0	0	0
De Freese, K.	1917	1916	---	0	0	0	---
Dorn, J. George	1915	1919	---	0	0	0	0
Dumler, H.	1926	1926	0	0	0	0	0
Ebright, O. W.	1919	1924	0	0	0	0	0
Fleck, E. Lee	1887	1910	---	---	---	---	---
Frank, A. O.	1923	1923	0	0	0	0	0
Guss, W. I., D. D.	1899	1919	0	0	0	0	0
Harder, M. J.	1925	1924	0	0	0	0	0
Harman, C. B., D. D.	1900	1909	0	0	0	0	0
Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	0	0	0	0	---
Hoffman, Wm.	1902	1920	0	0	0	0	0
Kahse, W. T., D. D.	1905	1912	0	0	0	0	0
Karriker, C. P.	1920	1925	0	0	0	0	0
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	---	---	---	---	---
Klink, W. A.	1917	1917	0	0	0	0	---
Koolen, M., D. D.	1900	1922	0	0	0	0	0
Kreutz, E. H.	1923	1923	0	0	0	0	0
Kuhns, L. M., D. D.	1886	1888	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, C. H. B., D. D.	1904	1925	0	0	0	0	0
Livers, R. W., D. D.	1906	1916	0	0	0	0	0
Lowe, C. R.	1907	1913	0	0	0	0	0
Lowe, J. A., Ph. D.	1878	1926	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, H. F., D. D.	1905	1925	---	0	0	---	---
Machetzki, P.	1915	1914	---	---	---	---	---
Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D.	1908	1922	---	0	0	0	0

Address.	Lay Delegate.	Tues.	Wed.	Wed.	Thurs.	Thurs.
North Platte	Chas. Breternitz	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha	A. B. Detwiler	---	0	0	0	0
Africa		---	---	---	---	---
Lincoln	Wm. J. Hanke	0	0	0	0	0
Wilber	Henry Binger	---	---	---	---	---
Omaha	V. B. Elseffer	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha		---	---	---	---	---
Hampton	Fred Christiansen	0	0	0	---	---
Omaha	E. G. Carlson	---	---	---	---	---
Lincoln		---	---	---	---	---
Auburn	John Schlange	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha	Otto Nelson	---	---	---	---	---
Benedict	E. Miller	---	---	---	---	---
Grand Island	A. L. Buechler	---	---	---	---	---
Davenport	Oscar Bower	0	0	0	0	---
Allen	Geo. F. Koester	0	0	0	0	0
Sidney		---	---	---	---	---
Ponca	Loyd Syrde	---	---	---	---	---
Fremont		---	---	---	---	---
West Point	Carl Weitzenkamp	0	0	0	0	---
Legh	Gustave Hahn	0	0	0	0	0
Stanford	Otto Lubeck	0	0	0	0	0
Omaha		---	---	---	---	---
Fremont		---	---	---	---	---
Hooper	Norman E. Shaffer	0	0	0	---	---
Beatrice	C. A. Kimmerling	---	---	---	---	---
Omaha		---	---	---	---	---
Fremont		---	---	---	---	---
Buenos Ayres, S. A.		---	---	---	---	---
Fremont		---	---	---	---	---

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES – Continued

Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	0	0	0	0	0	South Soux City							
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	0	0	0	0	0	Hardy	Henry Pedersen	0	0	0	0	0
Rangeler, W. F., D. D.	1898	1919	0	0	0	0	0	Fremont							
Rangeler, R. E.	1919	1921	0	0	0	0	0	Emerson	Geo. H. Haase						
Ries, L.	1907	1918		0	0			Falls City	Wm. Dorste		0	0		
Soholm, A. O.	1912	1922	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	J. Fred Smith	0	0	0	0	
Saas, W. H.	1925	1925	0	0	0	0	0	Dakota City	F. P. Culbertson						
Stager, C. L.	1919	1925	0	0	0	0	0	Wayne	Theo. Larsen						
Voss, W. A.	1925	1925	0	0	0	0		Omaha							
Vosseler, E. A.	1920	1923	0	0	0			Rising City	Floyd Want	0	0	0		
Weaver, G. B., D. D.	1898	1916	0	0	0	0	0	Omaha	A. Hedelund	0	0	0	0	0
White, R. A.	1886	1886	0	0	0	0	0	Wolbach	Paul C. White	0	0	0	0	0
Young, A. W.	1926	1924	0	0	0	0	0	Verdon	Fred Simon	0	0	0	0	0
Xander, E. Clyde		1925						Fremont						
Marohn, A. A.	1913	1919						Davenport, Iowa						
Bollman, E.	1890	1926			0	0	0	Shickley						
								Dakota City	W. A. Niemeyer					
								Fremont	H. A. Gunderson		0	0		
								Lincoln	Henry Marque					
								McCool Junction	A. W. Seng	0	0	0	0	
								Nebraska City	W. W. Metz					
								Oshkosh	H. C. Leonard	0	0	0	0	0
								Tekamah	S.A. Wassum			0	0	
Kemper, Carl H.		1926				1	1							

See list of committees for full address.

MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Fourth Annual Convention

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

OF THE

United Lutheran Church in America

The fifty-fourth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Auburn, opened Tuesday afternoon, October 12th, 1926, at 2:30, with Communion Service conducted by the officers of the Synod. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. C. Hershey of Davenport, Nebraska.

The President of Synod opened the convention with the regular order. The roll of ministers was called and the lay delegates enrolled.

One new member of Synod was introduced: Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

Motion that the hours of Synod be 9:00 o'clock in the morning, adjourning at 12 noon; reconvening at 2:00 o'clock and adjourning at 5:30 in the evening. Motion seconded and carried.

The Presidet read his report.

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

October 12th, 1926.

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

"Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Another year has come to a close and we are permitted in the good Providence of God to come together in this fifty-fourth annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, to consider its reports and plan for the future.

We bring our warmest greetings to the Pastor, Rev. A. O. Frank, and the good people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Nebraska, who have invited us to be their guests and who have so generously opened their remodeled church and their homes to us for this convention of our Synod.

God has been good to us during the year, preserving our homes and our churches from physical calamity and giving to us health and prosperity and, we believe, to most of our churches, increase in the work of His Kingdom. The work of His devoted ministers has not been in vain and His Word which they have ministered shall not return unto Him void.

Death of Father Kuhlman.

We recognize with humble submission to God His right to call from us to the church at rest the sainted First President of our Synod, Rev. John Frederic Kuhlman, who died at Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 8th, 1926, at the advanced age of 96 years, 6 months and 28 days. The funeral services were held at Tabitha Home, Thursday, June 10th, 1926, at 10:30 A. M., conducted by Rev. E. Walter, Superintendent of Tabitha Home. Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., led in prayer, Rev. C. S. Bream read the obituary, Rev. J. Huebner of Hastings, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., President of the Nebraska Synod, and Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D., S. T. D. of Omaha, each made addresses. Other ministers present were: Rev. E. Lee Fleck of Lincoln, Rev. A. H. Miles, Lincoln, and Rev. G. H. Michelman, D. D., of Martin Luther Seminary of Lincoln. The body was taken to Pawnee City for interment.

The detailed account of the life and ministry of this pioneer missionary and church planter will be given in the report of the Necrologist of Synod. Coming to Nebraska in 1864 his ministry has extended over the entire life of our Synod of which he was one of the founders and its first president and active in its entire development. Much hardship had to be encountered but he endured as seeing Him who is invisible and the abundant fruits of his ministry are gathered in the Remembrance of God to appear in his Eternal crown of glory.

We submit herewith a record of our official acts and such other information as may be of importance to Synod:

Appointments.

May 20th, 1926, Rev. E. Clyde Xander to represent Synod at the dedication of the new building at Tabitha Home.

September 20th, 1926, Rev. K. de Freese to bear the greetings of Synod to the Forty-sixth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society to meet at Fremont, Nebraska, October 12-14, 1926.

The appointments by the Executive Committee of Synod appear under the report of that Committee.

Accessions.

By Ordination—October 14th, 1925, Rev. W. A. Voss, Rev. M. J. Harder, Rev. W. H. Saas.

By Licensure—October 14th, 1925, Rev. H. C. Cordts, Rev. Henry Dumler, Rev. Alfred W. Young.

By Transfer—September 25th, 1926, Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D., from the Synod of Iowa.

Calls Accepted

November 8th, 1925, Rev. H. C. Cordts to the Church at Wilbur.

November 27th, 1925, Rev. Henry Dumler to the Church at Hampton.

December 28th, 1925, Rev. Walter A. Voss as second associate pastor of the Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha.

Resignations.

Name, Place and Date Effective.

Rev. F. J. Weertz, Second Associate, Kountze Memorial, Omaha, December 15, 1925.

Rev. W. A. Voss, Nebraska City, February 1st, 1926.

Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., Fremont, May 1st, 1926.

Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Walton-Eagle, June 15th, 1926.

Rev. H. P. Anderson, Paxton-Sutherland, June 15th, 1926.

Rev. R. A. Helms, Stella, March 1st, 1926.

Rev. A. H. Miles, St. James, Lincoln, August 1st, 1926.

Rev. J. H. Utesch, Tekamah, October 10th, 1926.

Dismissals.

December 5th, 1925, Rev. F. J. Weertz to the Synod of Iowa.

April 24th, 1926, Rev. James J. Raun to the Synod of Kansas.

April 26th, 1926, Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., to the Indiana Synod.

May 15th, 1926, Rev. H. L. Greenawalt to the Synod of Michigan.

May 28th, 1926, Rev. H. P. Anderson, to the United Danish Church in America.

June 25th, 1926, Rev. R. A. Helms to the Synod of Iowa.

September 29th, 1926, Rev. J. H. Utesch to the Synod of Illinois.

Demits.

December 11th, 1925, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens, having entered secular employment demitted the Gospel Ministry until such time as he might again resume the active work of the pastorate.

Installations.

October 25th, 1925, Rev. Walter A. Voss at Nebraska City, by the President of Synod.

November 1st, 1925, Rev. M. J. Harder, at Benedict-Bethel charge by the President of Synod.

November 8th, 1925, Rev. W. H. Saas at the Salem Church, Dakota City, by the President of Synod.

February 7th, 1926, Rev. Walter A. Voss, as Second Associate Pastor of Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha by Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., Secretary of Synod, assisted by Rev. E. Clyde Xander, Dean of Midland College.

Supplies.

York and McCool Junction, by Student J. L. Sawyer.
Paxton-Sutherland, by Student Carl Kemper.
Bridgeport, summer months, by Student Clifford Larson.
Oshkosh-Lewellen, by Student Fred C. Wiegman and H. C. Leonard.
Nebraska City, by Student Edmund G. Wood and Fred C. Wiegman.
Dakota City, Immanuel, by Rev. F. C. Koch and Rev. Dr. Beyer.
Hubbard, by Rev. G. E. Mortensen.
Homer, by Rev. G. E. Mortensen.
Potter, by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.
Stamford, Emmanuel, by Rev. A. L. Groseclose.
Fremont, Salem, by various ministers.
Walton, by Rev. Holmes Dysinger, D. D., and Rev. C. S. Bream.
Stella has had no supply.

At the time of making out this report the following vacancies are unprovided for:

Tekamah—Negotiations going on.
Walton-Eagle.
St. James, Lincoln (call extended to Rev. E. H. Kreutz, which, if accepted, will vacate Stamford, Trinity).
Fremont, Salem—Negotiations in progress.
Spring Valley.
Bruning.

Disbanded.

June 6th, 1926. The St. Paul's congregation of Oakland, after a long and discouraging effort to maintain its organization, voted to disband. By the Constitution the title to the property passes to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America.

A new work could be started should enough people be found who would wish to attend and support such services.

Dedications.

November 22nd, 1925. A Memorial Bell was dedicated in St. Paul's Church of Wayne, Rev. Coy L. Stager, Pastor, by the President of Synod.

The bell is the gift of Mr. Robert Stambaugh in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Stambaugh, and his sister, Adda Stambaugh, all of whom were long time members of this church. The bell cost $129.50 and is of a very clear and pleasing tone.

January 31st, 1926. The Ponca congregation, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Pastor, having remodeled their church, held a service of re-dedication, the President of Synod preaching the sermons morning and evening, and the pastor in the afternoon. The improvements consist of a full basement for social purposes, a new heating plant, new lecturn and other improvements.

March 14th, 1926. The Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., pastor, dedicated its fine new edifice. The morning sermon was by Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., President of Midland College, and the evening sermon was by Rev. E. Clyde Xander, Dean of the College.

A German service was held in the afternoon by Rev. F. C. Schuldt of Fontanelle, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. A. Beyer of Midland College. Rev. J. F. Seibert, D. D., of Chicago, Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, took charge of the solicitations of funds at these services. Services were held the following week with various programs. The building cost about $90,000 and is one of the most churchly and beautiful houses of worship in the state.

May 20th, 1926, witnessed the dedication of the new building at Tabitha Home. It is a splendid and long needed addition to the home. It will be occupied by the children.

July 25th, 1926. The new Kountze Memorial Mission at 60th and Walnut Streets, Omaha, was dedicated. Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., preached the sermon. Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., participated in the services and the dedication was conducted by Pastors Baltzly and Dorn of the Kountze Memorial Church. The new building was erected at a cost of $9,600.00.

September 26th, 1926. The Salem Congregation west of Dakota City, Rev. W. H. Sass, Pastor, having remodeled their church, held services of re-dedication which were attended by large congregations. The morning sermon was preached by the President of Synod and the evening sermon by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D. Over 400 people were fed at a banquet on Thursday evening following. Rev. A. B. Leamer, D. D., President of the Iowa Synod, was the guest and spoke at the banquet. This is the church in which he was reared.

The building was raised five feet and a full basement constructed with a new heating plant, the auditorium papered and varnished, the church painted, a new arrangement of the chancel and choir platform and general repairs at an entire cost of nearly $6,000.00. Congregation and pastor are happy in the new improvement.

Improvements and Other Matters of Note in the Congregations.

So Far as Reported.

Auburn—Papering parsonage, $50; new porch, $150; electric bulletin board, $40; addition to the church, $7,600.00. This estimate does

not include equipment. Cornerstone of new building was laid August 4th, 1926.

Beatrice—Approaches to two main entrances rebuilt, $50.00.

Benedict—A strictly modern parsonage has been constructed, using such material of old parsonage as possible. Zion Congregation has paid on this new parsonage $2,517.45 this year and the Bethel Congregation $415.00.

Creston—Church newly decorated, $500.00 No debts.

Dakota City, Salem—Church raised up five feet and new basement constructed, new heating plant and church generally remodeled, $5,862.00, all provided for.

Davenport—Two hymn boards, $37.50; one scoreboard for Sunday school, $48.25; repairs on church, $30.00.

Fremont—(See under "Dedications").

Hampton—Revarnishing and repapering parsonage, $117.73.

Hardy—Painting church and parsonage and papering and varnishing in parsonage, cost not given.

Hooper—Piano purchased, $200.00; dishes and silverware for church kitchen, $150.00; old deficit of $700.00 cared for and debt on parsonage reduced by $480.00.

Leigh—Several minor improvements. Reduced debt $1,000.00. Twenty-fifth anniversary of Pastor's ordination celebrated at which time the pastor was presented with a beautiful church gown.

Lincoln (Grace)—A special service commemorating the beginning of the fourth year of the present pastorate, held Sunday, September 5th, 1926. Rev. Fuller Bergstresser, a former pastor of Grace, and now pastor at Abilene, Kansas, was the principal speaker. The pastor's report of the three years' work showed 301 new members added in that time.

McCool—Church roof reshingled, spouting repaired, $289.00.

North Platte—Forty-fifth anniversary of organization celebrated. Rev. John F. Seibert, D. D., a former pastor, was the speaker of the occasion. New garage. Debt reduced $2,000.

Omaha (Benson)—Interior of church decorated at a cost of $275.00. Debt reduced $175.00.

Omaha (Kountze Memorial)—New mission at 60th and Walnut streets and equipment, $9,600.00. Repairs on house adjacent to church, $350.00. Gas main and new kitchen equipment, $100.00. Mr. William Hallan of Chicago added to the working force as Parish Worker. (See under "Dedications").

Omaha (Redeemer)—Debt reduced by $200.00.

Omaha (St. Luke's)—Church building redecorated inside and out, plastering repaired, new floor in basement, large picture "Gethsemane," placed in church, total cost $800.00; debt on future church site reduced $480.00, raised during the year and has on interest $1,100.00 for the new church project. Last October the 20th anniversary of the church was celebrated. Rev. R. W. Livers, D. D., being principal speaker.

Omaha (St. Marks)—No debt. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the time when the church became self-supporting from Home Mission aid was celebrated last November.

Paxton—New church basement, $1,200.00.

Ponca—Full basement under church with kitchen and equipment for same and for social rooms, new heating plant, new lecturn, new altar vestments, total cost $5,500.00. Paid on debt, $300.00. (See under "Dedications").

Rising City—New porch, cement walls, painting interior and exterior of church, $500.00. Stereopticon machine purchased, $60.00. Fortieth anniversary of the dedication of the church celebrated in November, 1925.

Sidney—Building of parsonage now nearing completion to cost approximately $5,000.00.

South Sioux City—Paid on building contract about $2,000.00.

Stamford (Trinity)—Book racks, Sunday school attendance board and new piano, $350.00. Paid on parsonage debt, $600.00.

Sutherland—Church painted, $120.00.

Tekamah—New pipe organ installed, $2,609.30. No debt.

Verdon—Repairing roof, $30.00. No debt.

Wayne—Church raised up and new basement under construction, new heating plant to be included, social rooms, etc. Cost about $5,000.00. New memorial bell. (See "Dedications").

Wilbur—Paving debt reduced $129.80.

Wolbach—Church given two coats of paint, steel ceiling in basement, art transom above front doors, linoleum in vestibule and other repairs, $253.68.

York—Grounds improved by the setting out of shrubbery donated. $250.00 paid on paving debt.

Settlement of Church Properties.

Waverly—The disposal of the church property at Waverly received final settlement, the Synod receiving $1,159.93 net. This fund was loaned by the Executive Committee to the Salem Lutheran Church fund of the Synod and used in the first payment of $1,200.00 on the Synod's note to the Building Fund of the Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont.

Yutan—The vacant lot of the old Zion's Lutheran Church of Yutan was sold to satisfy a mortgage held against it by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the U. L. C. and the mortgage released and a quit claim deed given by Synod to the St. John's Lutheran Church of Yutan in conveyance of the property. Said St. John's Church having paid $298.00 for the lot. These funds were remitted to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Work of the President.

In addition to what has already been incorporated in this report and in the reports of the Executive Committee and the Mission Committee we may add the following:

Preached 44 sermons.
Made 10 addresses.
Conducted 11 Communion Services.
Baptized 23 children.
Baptized 4 adults.
Received into church fellowship 9 adults.
Ordained three to the Gospel Ministry.
Licensed three to the Gospel Ministry.
Installed three ministers.
Weddings, 2; funerals, 1.
Made 90 visits to congregations and councils.
Attended 40 conference and committee meetings.
Visited Wittenberg and Maywood Theological Seminaries.

Acted as Missionary Superintendent, took care of the affairs of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension on the territory of our Synod, was hindered considerably on account of sickness, did the correspondence and office work and many details which cannot be tabulated. Traveled 21,500 miles. Total expenses $286.15. Paid by churches $61.86. Leaving balance paid by Synod $224.29.

Having received a call to a professorship in the Western Theological Seminary of Midland College and feeling constrained to accept the same I resigned the Presidency of Synod to be effective September 1st, 1926, the resignation being accepted by the Executive Committee of Synod with the understanding that I should continue as Acting President to the end of this Synodical year. We have therefore acted as President since September 1st without salary, and it will be encumbent upon this meeting of Synod to elect my successor as Full-Time President of Synod.

Recommendations.

1. Inasmuch as the Historian of our Synod, Rev. R. A. White, has prepared, at the direction of Synod, a history of Tabitha Home from its founding up to the time it was taken over by the General Synod, we recommend that Synod authorize at least three typewritten copies of this to be made, one to be placed in the protocol, one to be turned over to the authorities of Tabitha Home and one to be sent to the Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America to be filed with the Archives of the United Lutheran Church in America. And that the thanks of Synod be extended to Rev. White for this excellent work.

2. We recommend the adoption of the amendment to the By-Laws recommended by the Executive Committee of Synod changing the time of meeting of Synod to May and that when Synod adjourns this year it adjourns to meet in accordance with this action, if passed, in May, 1927.

3. We recommend also the adoption of the action to make the statistical year end December 31st each year.

4. We recommend that all our congregations who neglected to make a special offering for Lutheran World Service do so on or near Reformation Sunday that the quota of our Synod be made up to this great work of the National Lutheran Council.

5. We recommend a revision of our constitution making it possible for ad interim license to be granted on the recommendation of the Examining Committee to the Executive Committee of Synod and by vote of the Executive Committee of Synod.

Other recommendations and endorsements will come to Synod in the reports of Standing Committees and need not be repeated here more than to say that we call the attention of Synod to the important work of all our Institutions and organizations and express the hope that no backward steps may be taken, but that we may labor earnestly and faithfully to cause all of them to move forward in the great work assigned to the church to do and that we may co-operate most faithfully with those who are in charge of these institutions and organizations.

In closing may we say that in laying down the office which you intrusted to me four years ago we do so in the hope that God may bless the labors and heal the mistakes and give an abundant measure of His Spirit to whomsoever may be called and entrusted by you with this important office.

We thank the Synod for the prayers and good will and co-operation shown in helping us carry the burdens and solve the problems and pray that God may lead us on to nobler efforts, and more consecrated service, and larger fruitage unto His Glory in the future than we have yet attained.

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. RANGELER, President.

The President appointed the following tellers for the election: Rev. W. A. Klink, Rev. W. H. Saas, Mr. Norman Shaffer.

Motion made and seconded that in balloting for President that the rules of the United Lutheran Church for the election of President be observed. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the bar of Synod be the ninth row. Carried.

Mr. Loy Ebright of North Platte was introduced to the Synod.

Motion made that Dr. Thomas, of the Board of Foreign Missions, be introduced to the Synod and the usual courtesies be extended to him. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Wm. Harder, of the German Nebraska Synod, was introduced to the Synod.

Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., was elected full-time President of the Nebraska Synod for five years.

The President appointed the following special committees:

President's Report—Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. J. C. Hershey, Rev. C. L. Stager, Mr. A. W. Seng, Mr. Fred Christiansen.

Conference Minutes and Reports—Rev. M. J. Harder, Rev. C. P. Karriker, Mr. Otto Lubeck, Mr. Henry Pedersen.

Leave of Absence and Absentees—Rev. W. H. Saas, Rev. H. C. Dumler, Mr. Karl Weitzenkamp.

Letters and Papers—Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Mr. Oscar Bower, Mr. Fred Smith.

Resolutions—Rev. A. O. Soholm, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D.; Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D.; Mr. August Hahn, Mr. Albert Hedelund.

Apportionment Committee—Rev. Charles S. Bream, Rev. H. C. Cordts, Mr. J. H. Miller, M. D.; Mr. N. E. Shaffer, Mr. Charles Breternitz.

New Congregations and Pastoral Charges—Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D.; Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.; Mr. John Schlange, Mr. V. B. Elseffer.

Speakers and Chaplain for Next Meeting of Synod—Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D.; Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Mr. A. B. Detwiler.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. J. A. Lowe.

TUESDAY EVENING, 8:00 O'CLOCK.

The Secretary of Synod, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., conducted the liturgical service. Rev. C. P. Karriker and Rev. E. A. Vosseler assisted in the service. Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., the President of Synod, preached the sermon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

The session opened with prayer by Jos. H. Miller, M. D.

Roll of the ministers and lay delegates was called.

The President of the State Brotherhood, Mr. W. F. Ottmann, was introduced to Synod.

The Minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

Motion made and seconded that only the names of the Chairmen of Committees appear in the printed minutes in connection with reports given. Carried.

Report of Committee to Sort Treasurer's Files was read by Dr. L. M. Kuhns and upon motion adopted.

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home was read by Rev. C. S. Bream and adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME.

(October 12-14, 1926.)

The past year has been marked by attainments on the part of Tabitha Home which make her field of service more extensive than ever before. The new Orphanage, named Nazareth, was dedicated debt free. It is now occupied by more than sixty children.

The old building has been renovated and is now a much more comfortable home for the aged.

During the year we were saddened by two deaths especially. Father Kuhlman, who spoke so eloquently to us in Omaha in 1924, passed to his reward. Funeral services were participated in by officials of the Synod and other special representatives. Mr. Charles Embody, foreman of the broom factory, passed to his reward and no one has been found to take his place as yet.

With the greatly enlarged facilities for service which Tabitha now enjoys, there comes a greater responsibility to her constituency.

The standing which Tabitha enjoys in the city of Lincoln is attested to by the fact that the Community Chest, turning a deaf ear to her appeal for a place in their budget for two years, this year requested an interview with our officials, and will make provision for Tabitha on the budget. The amount will be small, but next year it will be increased.

Brethren, let us pray for, arouse an interest in and give to Tabitha.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HUMPE,
CHARLES S. BREAM.

Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., was elected Secretary of the Nebraska Synod for the ensuing year.

Motion made that the report of Committee to Sort Treasurer's Files appear only in the Protocol and not in the printed minutes. Seconded and carried.

Report of Committee on Protocol read by Rev. A. O. Frank and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

We, your Committee on Protocol, submit the following report:

We have carefully read and examined the records of the Fifty-third Annual Convention and find them well bound and complete. In making a detailed comparison of the printed minutes with the Protocol we find the following corrections should be made:

1. We find the name of H. L. Greenawalt misspelled throughout the minutes with the exceptions of the committees on which he served and signed.

2. Page 27, last line the word "adopted" is used in place of "accepted".

3. Page 74, the word "the" is inserted before the word "incorporation".

4. Page 11, the Rev. R. R. Weissmiller's name is misspelled.

5. Page 12, in report of Student Fred Weigman, the word "Lewellen" is inserted after Oshkosh.

6. Page 10, President's report, the word "augmented" is used for "supplemented".

7. Page 15, concerning church at York reads, "Was dedicated" for "rededicated".

8. Page 38, second line U. L. C. Delegate's report, word "respectively" is used for "respectfully".

9. Page 69, report of Pooling Committee reads, "W. F. Rangeler" instead of "R. E. Rangeler".

10. Page 71, in Resolution 1, words "on the ground that this is missionary territory" have been added.

11. Page 74, apportionment for St. Luke's, Omaha, should read, $1,368.00 instead of $1,555.00.

12. Page 74, apportionment for Ponca should read $625.00 instead of $871.00.

13. Page 73, total for Synod should be $18,291 instead of $28,291.

Recommendations.

1. That all the reports of Committees presented for Protocol be corrected according to action of Synod. (We found some which were not).

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED O. FRANK, Chairman.

Rev. C. S. Bream was elected Statistician of the Nebraska Synod for the ensuing year.

Motion made that today's session adjourn at 11:45 to go into Executive Session to hear report of Examining Committee. Motion carried.

Report of Secretary of Young People's Societies was read by Rev. George Dorn and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

As your secretary of Young Peoples' Work, I am pleased to bring you the best report that I have ever made. The contact which the Synod has through your secretary with the Luther League of Nebraska, is most assuring. The young people of our church are given more and more responsibility and with this there comes a most encouraging result and effectiveness.

A Unique Achievement.

One of the achievements of the Young People this past year is the establishment of a Hospice in Omaha. With only a few hundred dollars

in sight a year ago for this purpose, the State Luther League now owns the furnishings of a twelve-room residence without any indebtedness. The Board of Directors have kept their promise of keeping within their income. All bills are paid promptly each month. A small amount is being set aside every month to take care of replacements in the furniture. Over $200 is now on deposit in a Savings and Loan Association drawing five per cent interest. The monthly income averages $400.00.

Our assets to date amount to about $2,000.00. The financial report shows that our receipts up to the first of October amounted to $6,328.36. The disbursements for the same period totalled $5,796.50. This is so much more than any of us had anticipated that we almost have to rub our eyes to make sure that it is a reality.

The Hospice.

The Hospice houses thirteen guests at this time with several applications pending. The capacity is sixteen or seventeen. Our pastors are urged to recommend the Hospice to their young people when moving or coming to Omaha. It is located at 3124 Dodge Street, within walking distance of the business district—one block north of the Lincoln Highway, where a sign has been placed for tourists who may desire to stay over night.

Mrs. Richard E. Olsen, Matron.

The Board is very fortunate in being able to retain for another year Mrs. R. E. Olsen as matron. Much credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. Olsen in making the Hospice such a success the first year. They are appreciated by all who know them. Mrs. Olsen has won the confidence of all the Hospice guests. Our pastors need not hesitate to commend Mrs. Olsen to parents to care for their sons or daughters while in Omaha. She is a real mother to all the Hospice guests.

Activity.

As your secretary I have attended all the Executive Committee meetings of the Luther League of Nebraska, helped plan the Convention at North Platte and preached the convention sermon, directed the establishment of the Hospice, supervised the presentation of the Luther Film, and assisted newly organized Leagues.

The Statistician's report shows a total membership of 1,649, an increase of 3 societies, or a total of 57.

Recommendation.

That our pastors co-operate with the Leagues in the observance of Hospice Sunday on October 31, 1926, when an offering is asked for additional equipment and promotional purposes. Envelopes for this purpose will be furnished by the Hospice. (This action was taken by the Convention at North Platte, August 30, 1926).

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEORGE DORN, Secretary Young Peoples' Societies.

OFFICERS OF LUTHER LEAGUE OF NEBRASKA.

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REV. F. C. SCHULDT, Secretary Young Peoples' Societies, Fontenelle.

Hospice Board of Directors.

REV. J. GEORGE DORN, President.
REV. F. C. SCHULDT, Vice President.
H. W. FISCHER, Treasurer.
OTTO E. SCHELLBERG, Secretary.
ALBERT HEDELUND.
FRED WIEGMAN.
LAWRENCE NIEBAUM.

Jos. H. Miller, M. D., was elected Treasurer of the Nebraska Synod for the ensuing year.

Report of Committee on Tithers' League was read by Dr. O. D. Baltzly and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TITHERS' LEAGUE.

In accordance with the action of the last meeting of this Synod a Committee of five was appointed for the functioning of this First Official Tithers' League in the Lutheran Church in America. Your Committee has adopted a careful program for a successful execution of the duty assigned to it. First of all we have selected two books on the subject tithing which sets forth the fundamental principle and pronounced benefits of tithing to the individual, to the local Church, to the Kingdom of our Lord at large, and to a pastor himself. These books are, "The Deacon's Daughter" and the "Victory of Mary Christopher." The former can be secured through our United Lutheran Publishing House, Chicago, for $1.00, the other can be secured from the Methodist Book Concern, Cincinnati, Ohio, limp cloth cover, 20 cents, or in quantities at 15 cents per copy. Your Committee has secured five copies of each of these books, which we have used as a circulating library for brethren of Synod, loaning them for a period of two weeks. Several of the brethren have availed themselves of this opportunity and a few have purchased several copies of the books and read them with their young people.

Your Committee has also adopted an attractive "Certificate of Membership in the Tithers' League", which is issued to every Tither who fills out the form of application adopted by the Committee. A copy of the Certificate and of the Application are herewith attached as a part of this report. The Committee is glad to supply any number of the "Applications for Membership" that may be desired. A copy of each is posted at this session of Synod for observation.

Your Committee is very greatly pleased with the interest that has been manifest thus far by a number of the Pastors of our Synod and we believe that much good will result to the profit of all concerned as our Pastors people become better acquainted with the plan, and understand more thoroughly the teaching of God's Word on the important subject of Tithing.

We believe that a standing Committee on Tithing should be authorized by Synod, that this work so well inaugurated may develop and attain the possibilities in store.

We are glad to report that seventy-two persons in our Synod have filled out Application Blanks and are enrolled as Charter Members of this First Official Tithers' League in America. It is the plan of your Committee that a book be provided in which these names of all Members of the Tithers' League of this Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, shall be kept according to their Pastorates.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY, Chairman.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
in the
TITHERS' LEAGUE
of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF AMERICA

As an evidence of my faith in God's Word, and willingness of spirit to follow it, and that the Kingdom of our Lord may be strengthened, I hereby make application for membership in THE TITHERS' LEAGUE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, agreeing to be faithful in the payment of the TITHE as set forth in God's Word.

I also subscribe to the following Tithing Covenant adopted October 14th by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, in session at Rising City, Nebraska.

COVENANT

IN LOVING LOYALTY TO MY LORD, AND AS AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS OWNERSHIP, I COVENANT TO GIVE AT LEAST ONE-TENTH OF MY INCOME FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE KINGDOM OF GOD AS EXPRESSED IN HIS CHURCH AND HER INSTITUTIONS.

Signed .....

Residence No..... City.....

Member of what Church.....

Pastor's Name .....

Pastor's Address .....

NOTICE

Your Synodical Committee DOES NOT ENDORSE any book, tract, or printed matter which fails to recognize "the storehouse" to be the Church and the recipient of the whole tithe. (Mal. 3:10. Offerings of any kind and of whatever nature, are beyond the tithe).

The Committee recommends at least half of the tithe should be given to the local expenses of your Church.

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

in

THE TITHERS' LEAGUE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

(The First Official Lutheran Tithers' League in America)

The Tither's Covenant

In loving loyalty to my Lord, and as an acknowledgment of his ownership, I covenant to give at least one-tenth of my income for the purpose of maintaining the Kingdom of God as expressed in His church and her institutions.

This is to Certify that.....

has accepted God's Word concerning the giving of the Tithe, and agrees to be faithful in the fulfillment of this obligation, and is hereby enrolled as a member of The Tithers' League of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

The Tithers' League Committee

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Date..... .....

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Report of Statistical Secretary was read by Rev. C. S. Bream. Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted. Amendment made and seconded that the Statistician add the comparison of 1925 and 1926 to his report. Carried. Original motion carried.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

October 12-14, 1926.

We take pleasure in submitting herewith the statistical report for the congregations composing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, for the year ending September 30, 1926.

We note herewith, and submit as part of the report a few outstanding features.

Total valuation of church property, $1,507,494.00.

Total expenditures, $263,123.00.

Total adult baptisms, 160. There were $1,644.00 expended to every adult baptism. There were $1,182.00 expended for each one of the 231 net gain in the confirmed membership of the Synod. There were 56 pastors to do this amount of work. Thirty-five congregations reported net gains of from one to thirty. Eight congregations reported net loss of from one to thirty-two. Five were stationary.

St. Luke's, Omaha, Ebright, Pastor, reported the largest total gain.

The following percentages of gain in communicant membership were the best in their order: St. James, Lincoln, A. H. Miles, pastor, 40%; St. Peter's, Creston, M. Koolen, pastor, 20%; Trinity, Sidney, W. T. Kahse, pastor, 17%; Auburn, A. O. Frank, pastor, 13%.

A few of the reports were so incorrectly assembled as to be unintelligible. Rev. R. A. White, the oldest active pastor of the Synod, sent in a report that was perfect.

If the Examining Committee will insist upon ability to handle intelligently, a parochial report blank as a requisite for ordination, it will help.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. BREAM, Statistician.

PAROCHIAL

Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When organized	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Membership: Confirmed	Membership: Communing	Accessions: Child: Baptism	Accessions: Child: Otherwise	Accessions: Adult: Baptism	Accessions: Adult: Confirmed	Accessions: Adult: Certificate	Accessions: Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Child: Death	Losses: Child: Otherwise	Losses: Adult: Death	Losses: Adult: Certificate	Losses: Adult: Otherwise	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Official Papers	Ch. Papers: No. S. S. Papers Distributed	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Other Papers	Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Church Schools: Sunday: Officers and Teachers	Church Schools: Sunday: Scholars	Church Schools: Sunday: Home Dep't	Church Schools: Sunday: Cradle Roll	Church Schools: Weekday: Number	Church Schools: Weekday: Teachers	Church Schools: Weekday: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: In Lutheran	Students: In Non-Lutheran
1	Allen	First	1912	Hoffman, Wm.	1	254	171	124	11	2	1			12			1	2		15	75		1	27	164		28						1	
2	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	Frank, A. O.	1	236	170	151	17	5	6	10	9			2		5		10	150	15	1	25	155	10	25				10		3	2
3	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	Lowe, C. R.	1	160	130	105	2	24	2	6	5	1		3	1	4	17	2	70	28	1	15	96		8				8			1
‡ 4	Spring Valley	English	1923	Lowe, C. R.	1	33	24	20	3					2					2				1	8	40									
5	Benedict	Bethel	1880	Harder, M. J.	1	56	32	23	2					1							12		1	11	50						1			
6	Benedict	Zion	1883	Harder, M. J.	1	120	85	83	12		5		10				3	3	2	1	125	2	1	37	169	5	26	1	1	10	5			7
‡ 7	Brunning	First English	1909	Bruning, G. C.	1	55	54																1	5	25		10							
8	Dakota City	Immanuel	1860	Beyer, E. A.	1	39	31	14									1			1	36	5	1	13	30	9	5							2
9	Dakota City	Salem	1895	Saas, W. H.	1	204	135	60	11	6		11	2	4			1	3		26	20		1	13	107	19					5		2	
10	Davenport	Christ's	1892	Hershey, J. C.	1	274	129	111	7			3	1	4				1		9	105	52	1	23	214		30				3		1	2
11	Emerson	St. Luke	1911	Rangeler, R. E.	1	327	231	181	11	9	5	12	6	12		5		6	28	12	100		1	25	81	154	60				9		1	5
12	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	Ries, L. F.	1	300	191	100	18				9		1		3			10	70		1	10	169	10	34				5			
13	Fremont	Salem	1902	Mendenhall, G. N., sec.	1	324	289	175	7	6	1	6	7	12			4	12		15	135		1	18	250						6	5	16	2
14	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	Harman, C. B.	1	823	503	440	39	12	16	32	18	9	1			5	40	9	185		1	35	389		30				50	1	2	12
15	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Dumler, Henry	1	123	103	66	2	1	7	1									30	30	1	12	106						18		2	2
16	Hardy	St. Paul	1881	Mortenson, E. C.	1	148	74	65	12								4		6	2		13	1	16	131		18					2	1
17	Hooper	Grace	1915	Livers, R. W.	1	218	153	128	17	4	2	12	2	3		1	3	3	42	5	75		1	21	158		23				11	1	4	1
‡ 18	Homer	St. Paul	1886	Voss, Mrs. R. (sec.)	1	95	93	38															1	5	44									
‡ 19	Hubbard			Mortensen, G. (sply.)	1	25	28	15																									3	3
20	Leigh	St. John's	1919	Koolen, M.	1	264	128	128	11	7	2	3		6			2		9	12	80	3	1	20	160		23						3	
21	Creston	St. Peter's	1908	Koolen, M.	1	242	106	106	6	3	2	14		2						15	50		1	10	70		17				16			
§ 22	Lincoln	Grace	1890	Bream, C. S.	1	596	348	336	13	13	3	24	57	4	1	6	4	10	64	30	200		1	61	300		68				25		1	11
23	Lincoln	St. James	1925	Miles, A. H.	1	67	45	30	4	6	1	7	6	9		2	1	9		6	50		1	11	75						20			
24	McCool Jct.	1st Evangelical	1897	Sawyer, J. L. (sply.)	1	131	82	50	2		2	12		3			2	2	1	2	40		1	10	60						12		1	1
25	Nebraska City	First	1886	Wood, E. G. (sply.)	1	167	152	88	1		1	7	1				2	3		25	50		1	15	100		15						2	
26	North Platte	First	1880	Anspach, H. A.	1	816	526	356	31	10	6	24	13	7		6	3	8	14	29	140	20	1	26	229	65	40	1	2	20	29	1	6	4
27	Omaha	1st English	1907	Weaver, G. B.	1	381	172	154	21	11	9	10	8	6	1	3		3	15	10	125	1	1	22	180		36	1	2	36	15		1	4
28	Omaha	Grace	1889	Soholm, A. O.	1	263	200	200	19		5	9	4	27		3	3	1	24	30	140	40	2	24	205		63				9			
29	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1857	Baltzly, O. D.	1	5535	4068	2269	148	88	40	128	66	53	10	30	32	105	150	275	1400	2500	4	150	1599		318				600	5	15	155
		1st Associate		Dorn, J. George																														
		2nd Associate		Voss, W. A.																														
30	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	de Freese, K.	1	315	241	182	16	11	4	15	9			8		2	16	12	300	15	1	30	321	8	16				16	1	1	2
31	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	Ebright, O. W.	1	630	347	271	30	8	5	23	6	7	3	4	3	2	5	24	210		1	26	249						23			6
32	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	Guss, W. I.	1	338	271	245	13	2	3	18	7	3	2	1	1	7	55	20	75	49	1	23	176		23	1	4	30	25		2	11

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1	1	31	2	45			$ 16000	$ 4000				$ 20000	$ 400	$ 1965	$ 380	$ 2345	$ 367		$ 376				$ 5	$ 156	$ 161	$ 528	$ 2873					
2	1	20	2	42	1	20	12000	3000				15000	2000	2685	8550	11235	694			10	50	35	10	58	263	957	12192					
3			2	33	1	18	20000	7000				27000		2127	102	2229	560		70		11		61	72	144	704	2933					
4														300		300	54		54							54	354					
5			1	16			1000	2000				3000	800	579	476	1055	135	2						20	20	155	1210					
6			8	61			10000	3500				13500	800	1777	2647	4424	379				25			88	113	492	4917					
7			1	10			1800					1800																			
8			1	2			6500				660	7160		649		649	51							34	34	85	734					
9	1	15	1	12	1	29	10000					10000		2005	6000	8005	475	27					87	29	116	591	8596					
10			2	74	1	28	26000	7500				33500		2209	850	3059	504		18		50		66	4	120	624	3683					
11			2	60	3	107	25000	5000				30000		3372	183	3555	1018			1200			125	408	1808	2816	6373					
12			1	41	3	111	4000	4000				8000		2411	100	2511	296			100	10		27	64	201	497	2998					
13	1	22	3	124	1	25	100000	7000				107000	50000	5866	1051	6917	1162	55						9		1171	8088					
14			1	112	2	100	32000	3000				35000	1275	4700	2306	7006	1562		622	5	2	43	64	118	232	1794	8800					
15			1	30	1	18	3000	5000				8000		1336	122	1458	314		144	200			24		224	538	1996					
16			2	70	2	27	20000	6000				26000		2113	251	2364	428			50			32	55	137	565	2929					
17	1	15	2	76	1	22	25000	7500				32500	3000	3843	150	3993	430			13	160	15	25	55	278	708	4701					
18			1	25	1		3000					3000								625											
19							2000					2000	250							88											
20			1	20	1	88	15000	7000		750		22750	2200	2169	450	2619	280		350					113	113	393	3012					
21			1	18	1	50	7000					7000		1320			180									180	1500					
22	1	60	4	139	3	70	25000	6000		60	6000	37060	4000	9400		9400	1615	6				300	10		310	1925	11325					
23			1	10	2	42	4236	2279			2809	9324	8119	836	500	1336	44	44			13	13	7		33	77	1413					
24			1	15			6500	6000				12506		1167		1167	180		95				39	5	44	224	1391					
25			2	45			9000	5000				14000		2572	48	2620	275		370	3	40		110	109	262	537	3157					
26	1	60	3	190	3	66	100000	10000				110000	19500	8216	2000	10216	2061			817	158	1	151	221	1348	3409	13625					
27			2	44	2	27	15000					15000	2325	3131	429	3560	360		368	225			43	69	337	697	4257					
28	1	39	2	60	1	50	20000					20000	1800	5222		5222	990			25			153	20	198	1098	6320					
29	1	240	4	395	3	225	425000		15000	2000	105000	547000	5800	31671	9000	40671	9310		6281	4227	1792	5058	3259	766	15102	24412	65083					
30	1	30	1	48	2	58	20000					20000	3200	3732	749	4481	999	54			53	82	80	76	291	1290	5771					
31			2	47	2	27	10000				19000	29000	11590	3926	668	4594	1532	164		16	100		55	163	334	1866	6460					
32			2	65	2	54	20000	5000				25000		3588	550	4138	1363			124	108	6	83	719	1040	2403	6541					

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						Membership				Accessions						Losses				Ch. Papers			Church Schools											Students					
										Child		Adult				Child		Adult					Sunday					Weekday											
					Congregations	Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Baptism	Otherwise	Baptism	Confirmed	Certificate	Otherwise	Death	Otherwise	Death	Certificate	Otherwise	No. Sub. to Official Papers	No. S. S. Papers Distributed	No. Sub. to Other Papers	Number	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Home Dep't	Cradle Roll	Number	Teachers	Scholars	Catechumens	Ministry	In Lutheran	In Non-Lutheran
33	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Leonard, H. C.	1	67	45	30												2	40		1	8	60						6		1	1
34	Lewellen	Grace	190	Leonard, H. C.	1	106	65	39									1			6	45		1	6	45						5		4	1
§ 35	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Kemper, C. H. (sply.)	1	131	69	53	4	18	2	1		3			1			2	25		1	9	45								1	2
36	Sutherland	Grace	1905	C. H. Kemper (sply.)	1	34	22	16				1		2			1				18		1	8								2	2
37	Ponca	Salem	187	Karriker, C. P.	1	277	207	130	16			19		6			2	2		2			1	15	130	30	25				10		4	2
38	Rising City	First	1883	Vosseler, E. A.	1	257	160	145	9	14	2	4	4		2			4		15	85		1	13	177		32				12		2	3
39	Gurley	Grace	1916	Kahse, W. T.	1	159	88	88	5	6	2	2	8	3		1		2	3	4	46	2	1	12	125	10	25				2			
40	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T. (sply.)	1	44	31	25	2											1			1	2	20									
41	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	149	80	80	5	9	7	3	19				3	5	9	3	35	4	2	9	63	8	7				12			
42	South Sioux City	First	1920	Mortensen, G. E.	1	157	113	70	5		4		7						5		40		1	14	109		42				12			2
43	Stamford	Immanuel		Groseclose, A. L.	1	45	27	17	2						1				23				1	20							3			
44	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Kruetz, E. H.	1	135	80	80				3			2						24		1	4	80						3			
‡ 45	Stella	Trinity	1886	Helms, R. A.	1	77	42	27									1	1			50		1	7										
46	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1877	Utesch, J. H.	1	93	53	47	4	1	2	1	1	6			2	2	8	12	57	40	1	18	104	26	6				12	2	3	
47	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Young, A. W.	1	227	150	140	2		2	8			1				1	50	24	5	1	20	166	2	25				4	1	1	2
48	Wolbach	Trinity	1908	White, R. A.	1	226	133	92	6		1	4		2			2			3	60	40	1	10	78	10	22				17	1	4	2
49	Ericson	First	1898	White, R. A.	1	37	31	21								2				2	12	7												
‡ 50	Walton	Grace	1916	Greenawalt, H. L.	1	152	99	89	6			11	3	2			1						1	9	99						14		2	1
‡ 51	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Greenawalt, H. L.	1	26	19	13																										1
‡ 52	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Stager, C. L.	1	430	285	244	28		3	5	4	12	1		1	4	2	10	30		1	16	75		36				8		1	8
53	Wilber	1st English	1889	Cordts, H. C.	1	166	54	43	2		4	4		1		5	2	1	2	4	25		1	12	80						17		1	1
54	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	614	400	385	17	2	1	27	3			2	6		3	75	155		1	22	225		61				24		3	5
55	York	First United	1903	Sawyer, J. L. (sply.)	1	86	55	40	5		2		3	2	1		3		1	4	50		1	10	62						7			1
56	South America			Machetzki, Paul		1	1	1																										
57	Africa			Block, Fred		1	1	1																										
58	Synod			Rangeler, W. F.		1	1	1																										
59	Retired			Keller, S. L.		1	1	1																										
60	Retired			Fleck, E. L.		1	1	1																										
61	Teaching			Mendenhall, G. N.		1	1	1																										
	Total			1926	55	17260	11626	8174	604	278	160	480	298	226	27	88	100	217	547	802	4869	2871	57	991	7845	366	1197	4	9	96	1089	18	98	268
	Total			1925	56	16776	11463	8235	626	461	188	609	371	268	41	146	69	213	812	845	4618	3174	56	886	7691	349	1172	4	12	77	1245	14	103	264
		Increase				484	163										31	4			251		1	105	154	17	25			19		4		4
		Decrease			1			61	22	183	28	129	73	42	14	58			265	43		303							3		156		5		

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33			1	40			4000					4000		820		820	100		87							100	920
34			1	40	1	30	4000					4000		700		700	261									261	961
35			1											1441	848	2289	212									212	2501
36			1	18			1000					1000		355	445	800	104	10								104	904
37			1	52	1	35	25000	7000			300	32300	3000	3800	3944	7744	347		500	90	40	40	20	20	210	557	8301
38			1	40	2	72	8000	4000				12000		3039	906	3945	723			151	117		263	300	831	1554	5499
39			1	22	1	11	4000					4000		839	200	1039	364				10			16	26	390	1429
40							3000	1500		300		4800	150	310	150	460	138				25				25	163	623
41			1	36			6500	4500			250	11250	3000	1191	1283	2474	265		65	105	10			15	130	395	2869
42	1	20	2	31	1	25	25000					25000	10000	1592	5272	6864	420	17					28	25	53	473	7337
43			1	8										215		215	55		132	10					10	65	280
44			1	25	1	20	2000	3000				5000		2100		2100	200		208							200	2300
45			1																								
46			1	21	2	64	16000	4000				20000		1924	2637	4561	256				11	10	36	137	194	450	5011
47			2	35	1	17	22000	3000		500		25500	351	2398		2398	728			5	48		72	226	354	1082	3480
48			2	37	2	40	4000					4000		985	254	1239	268		268	10	39		69		118	386	1625
49							1200					1200	150	127			45		93							45	299
50							10000	3000				13000	603	1318	205	1523	280		158				6	15	21	301	1824
51							4000					4000		275		275	25		166							25	300
52			2	55			10000	4000				14000		2829		2829	527		634					71	71	598	3427
53			2	73	1	8	4500	2250				6750		1210	147	1197	152		64							152	1349
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‡No Report (8) ‖Partial Report (2)

Motion made that on succeeding ballot for Member of Executive Committee the voting be confined to the three highest if there is no election on next ballot cast. Seconded and carried.

Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., was elected for the three-year term on the Executive Committee.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Dr. J. H. Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Cash last report		$ 2,762.49
United Lutheran Church		21,088.28
Synod Treasury		3,655.08
Ministerial Education		1,034.00
Tabitha Home:		
Apportionment	$ 775.50	
Building Fund	730.00	
Room Fund	850.50	
Specials	394.08	
		$ 2,750.08
Synod Paper		648.25
Midland College:		
Apportionment	$5,816.25	
Seminary Contingent Fund	387.75	
Pledges	115.00	
		$ 6,319.00
Missionary Committee:		
Apportionment	$ 775.50	
Sale Utan Property	298.00	
Sale Waverly Property	1,159.93	
		$ 2,233.43
Foreign Missions:		
Deficit Fund	$ 177.12	
Africa	25.00	
Diamond Jubilee	15.15	
China	30.00	
Forward Movement	25.00	
India	1,194.70	
Not specified	72.25	
		$ 1,539.22
Undivided Apportionment		224.29

Miscellaneous:		
Ministerial Relief	$ 202.46	
World Service	550.61	
Jewish Relief	10.00	
Good Sheperd Home	2.00	
Home Missions	4.00	
Salem Church, Fremont	1.00	
Nachusa Home	5.50	
Pacific Seminary	100.00	
Midland Assembly	42.50	
		$ 918.07
Total		$43,172.19

Disbursements.

United Lutheran Church	$21,088.28
Tabitha Home	2,750.08
Nebraska Synod Lutheran	389.80
Midland College	6,319.00
Missionary Committee	2,233.43
Foreign Missions	1,539.22
Miscellaneous	918.07

Paid from Synod Treasury:		
C. S. Bream	$ 3.64	
K. de Freese	21.02	
Viola Delfs	12 00	
Mary Fischer	8.00	
E. A. Vosseler	10.00	
Korey & McKenzy Printing Co.	24.00	
W. F. Rangeler	3,070 90	
C. G. Aue	9.03	
R. W. Johnson	21.13	
Elmer Kahl	21.13	
W. T. Kahse	12.26	
E. T. Tramp	14.69	
H. P. Anderson	12.78	
R. A. Helms	2.27	
R. W. Livers	8.00	
Fred Wertz	6.89	
Geo. Dorn	5.85	
Secretary of State	1.00	
Franklin Printing Co.	592.00	
O. D. Baltzly	7.79	
L. J. Kuhns	7.64	
Perkins Printing Co.	106.00	
H. A. Anspach	18.16	
A. T. Yost	6.51	
A. O. Frank	1.54	

George Snyder	.87	
C. R. Lowe	.38	
G. E. Mortensen	5.24	
E. C. Mortensen	4.88	
Henry Garman	8.75	
R. E. Rangeler	2.82	
Ernest Enke	4.91	
C. L. Stager	1.48	
Robt. Stambaugh	2.45	
J. H. Utesch	.34	
A. Young	2.38	
W. Weick	4.99	
W. H. Sass	4.88	
R. A. Helms	2.46	
J. C. Hershey	1.14	
Smith Hamilton Field Co.	4.64	
U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.	10.00	
G. B. Weaver	5.92	
A. O. Soholm	25.00	
Salem Lutheran Church	40.07	
C. B. Harman	18.80	
H. Belle Bliss	20.50	
J. H. Miller	12.50	
		$ 4,189.63
Paid from Ministerial Fund:		
Wm. Harwick	$ 200.00	
Henry Scherer	200.00	
Paul White	200.00	
Herbert Dickson	175.00	
Leo R. Nielson	175.00	
Fred Martin	100.00	
		$ 1,050.00
Cash on hand		$ 2,694.68
Total		$43,172.19

	Appor't	Paid on Appor't	Pct.	Paid on Specials	Totals Paid
Omaha, St. Luke	$ 1,368	$1,532.00	111.9%	$ 181.10	$ 1,713.10
Sutherland	94	104.00	110.6%	10.00	114.00
Dakota, Salem	448	475.00	106 %	73.19	548.19
Fremont	1,107	1,171.00	105.7%	6.47	1,177.47
South Sioux	403	420.00	104.2%	38.25	458.25
Lincoln, Grace	1,609	1,615.00	100.3%	7.97	1,622.97
Auburn	694	694.00	100 %	198.64	892.64
Benedict, Bethel	133	135.00	100 %	8.35	143.35
Benedict, Zion	379	379.00	100 %	36.50	415.50

Emerson	1,018	1,018.00	100 %	190.65	1,208.65
Gurley	364	364.00	100 %	31.00	395.00
Hardy	428	428.00	100 %	.....	428.00
Lewellen	261	261.00	100 %	.....	261.00
North Platte	2,061	2,061.00	100 %	204.12	2,265.12
Omaha, Grace	900	900.00	100 %	4.53	904.53
Omaha, Redeemer	999	999.00	100 %	35.60	1,034.60
Omaha, St. Mark	1,363	1,363.00	100 %	1.70	1,364.70
Paxton	212	212.00	100 %	10.00	222.00
Potter	138	138.08	100 %	10.00	148.08
Rising City	723	723.00	100 %	230 06	953.06
Tekamah	256	256.00	100 %	35.00	291.00
Verdon	713	713.00	100 %	50.00	763.00
Davenport	522	495.00	94.4%	50.75	545.75
Beatrice	630	559.66	88.5%	68.32	627.98
Sidney	330	265.00	80.3%	125.00	390.00
West Point	1,825	1,388.22	76 %	32.50	1,420.72
Grand Island	2,184	1,562.00	71.5%	6.23	1,568.23
Wilber	216	152.00	70 3%	2.24	154.24
Hampton	458	313.00	68.3%	25.25	338.25
McCool Junction	276	180.00	65.1%	44.00	224.00
York	221	136.00	61.5%	19.00	155.00
Omaha, K. M.	15,591	9,310 00	59.7%	2,587.37	11,897.37
Omaha, First	728	410.00	56.7%	11.19	421.19
Oshkosh	187	100 00	53.4%	24.40	124.40
Leigh	630	330.00	52.3%	.....	330.00
Allen	743	376.89	52 %	13 00	389.89
Hooper	836	430 00	51.4%	13.77	443.77
Wolbach	536	268 00	50 %	25.39	293.39
Stamford, Trinity	408	200 00	49 %	.....	200.00
Nebraska City	645	275.43	42.7%	27.00	302.43
Falls City	689	293.00	42.5%	9.50	302.50
Ponca	871	347.75	39.9%	.....	347.75
Ericson	138	43.00	31.1%	.....	43.00
Wayne	1,304	397.00	30.4%	50 00	447.00
Stamford, Immanuel	187	55.50	30.2%	10 00	65.50
Lincoln, St. James	157	45.23	28.8%	32.66	77.89
Dakota City, Em	192	51.00	26.5%	.....	51.00
Walton	462	100.00	21.4%	39.38	139.38
Oakland	251	22.50	8.9%	.....	22.50
Eagle	79	9.00	1.1%	.....	9.00
Bruning	266	.....	.....	.....	.....
Creston	.....	149.31	.....	.....	149.31
Homer	325	.....	.....	.....	.....
Stella	172	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Valley	108	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hubbard	108	.....	.....	.....	.....

Synod in session				44.84	44.84
Mary E. Kerl		2.00		1.00	3.00
E. Clyde Xander				2.22	2.22
W. F. Rangeler				61.86	61.86
Women's M. Soc.				15.00	15.00
Lorton Sunday S.		10.00			10.00
Lodgepole				9.20	9.20
Waverly Property				1,159.93	1,159.93
Utan Property				298.00	298.00
Totals		$34,237.57		$6,172.13	$40,409.70

Cash on hand as follows:

Undivided Apportionment	$	224.29
Synod Treasury		715.13
Ministerial Education		1,563.98
Church Paper		191.38
		$2,694.68

Total for this year	40,409.70	
Total for last year	38,432.40	
Received on apportionment this year	34,273.57	
Received on apportionment last year	31,431.65	
Deficit this year	13,564.43	
Deficit last year	14,755.35	
Percentage paid this year	71.5	%
Percentage paid last year	68	%
Percentage in 1924	74	%
Percentage in 1923	87	%

22 churches equalled or exceeded their apportionment.
6 of this number paid an excess of 288.00
5 churches paid nothing.

Your Treasurer recommends that all churches not having paid anything for several years be removed from the apportionment list.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. MILLER, Treasurer.

Fremont, Nebr., October 9, 1926.

To Whom It May Concern:

We have examined the accounts and records of Dr. Jos. H. Miller, Synod Treasurer, for the year ending October 1, 1926, and find the books carefully and accurately kept.

It is our belief that the books correctly set forth the true financial condition of the Nebraska Synod.

Auditing Committee,
HERMAN STELK, Chairman.

Synod heard with pleasure Dr. M. E. Thomas, foreign missionary in India, presenting the work of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission and Church Extension Board.

Miss Mary E. Markley, Secretary of the Board of Education of the U. L. C., was introduced to Synod.

Rev. E. Walter, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, addressed Synod in the interest of the Inner Mission Board; the Deaconess Board; the Board of Ministerial Pensions and Relief; and Tabitha Home.

Session closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The Executive Session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D.

The Examining Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your Examining Committee held meetings June 1st at Fremont, August 12th at Omaha, and October 12th at Auburn for examination of young men for ordination and licensure.

The Committee would recommend for ordination Licentiates Alfred W. Young, Verdon, Nebr., and Henry Dumler, Hampton, Nebr., and for Licensure Messrs. Paul C. White and Carl Kemper, seniors in the Western Theological Seminary.

We further recommend that the ordination papers of E. Bollman, who voluntarily returned them to the President of Synod in 1924, at his own request be given back to him and his name be immediately placed on the roll of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. HARMAN, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried that H. C. Leonard be granted Ad Interim license till the next meeting of Synod.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Synodical status of Rev. A. A. Marohn be referred to the Examining Committee for examination and investigation.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with prayer by H. C. Cordts.

Roll of ministers and lay delegates was called.

Rev. Elliott and Rev. Henderson of the North Side and South Side Methodist Churches were introduced.

Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

Motion made and seconded that the Treasurer's report be adopted. Carried.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief was read by Dr. O. D. Baltzly and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL PENSIONS AND RELIEF.

1. Our United Lutheran Church is on the threshold of one of the most important undertakings in the life of American Lutheranism—the provisions for adequate care of her retired or disabled Ministers who have cheerfully turned away from material aims, and consecrated their thought, life purpose and effort to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. The Board having this most worthy work in hand has been rendering a most commendable service, in a limited way, during the biennium just closing. They had on roll June 30th, 1926, 189 retired Ministers, 21 disabled Ministers, 429 widows and 99 children. The amounts granted, however, have been small—$300 to Ministers, $200 to widows and $50 to children under 15 years, and inadequate to the needs, but they have been all that could be granted through the apportionment. To be a worthy Christian Church there must be a better provision made for these veterans of the Church. This can be done only through a sufficient endowment. This is the momentous undertaking before our United Lutheran Church within the next two years.

3. The United Lutheran Church has authorized a campaign for $3,000,000 which will be inaugurated on Reformation Day, 1927. More than this is actually needed if the pensions are to be even doubled. It should be emphasized that even $5,000,000 is a small amount for pensions endowment for the U. L. C. in comparison with others. The Episcopalians have assets of over $20,000,000 and receive $1,000,000 annually in assessments; the Methodists $18,000,000 and are asking as much more; the Presbyterians $7,000,000 and are in the midst of a campaign for $15,000,000 more; the Congregationalists have $9,000,000; the Baptists $18,000,000, and the Missouri Lutherans, for relief alone, almost $3,000,000.

4. There must be behind this campaign the active co-operation of every layman who loves his church and of every clergyman. The first seems assured. The second must be brought to pass. The clergy must be made to feel that no sense of false modesty dare keep him from presenting the work and urging its claims. Whether they expect to share its benefits or not, they have a duty toward their brethren and toward the widows and children. This should be especially emphasized at the meetings of the synods this year.

5. The Co-operation Committee must be urged to function actively and at once. The campaign is only one year off and the people cannot be expected to give unless they know about the work in advance. A layman can, after all, present its claims with even more force than a clergyman. He can say things that a clergyman cannot, and he knows what pensions mean in the business world. These committees should, as soon as possible, offer a layman for this work to every congregation in the United Lutheran Church.

6. The past year has been most encouraging in its results. The gifts which have been received have been larger than ever and enabled

the Board to extend its relief to the growing list of those needing it four times a year, besides responding to many special calls. A number of large gifts have been received and the articles in the Lutheran are known to have inspired the remembering of the Board in wills. Everything seems to indicate that the campaign will touch a most responsive chord in the heart of the church.

7. Pastors must be made to feel that they should answer communications from the Board promptly, giving such information as they can that will help in the campaign.

8. Later there will be a request for the name of a "Key Man" from each congregation who will have in charge the working up of interest in the campaign and the campaign itself. This man will have to be a "doer" and thoroughly interested. Urge that pastors begin to think of whom they shall name.

Respectfully submitted,

O. D. BALTZLY.

Report of Executive Committee was read by Dr. W. F. Rangeler and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of Synod held seven meetings during the year, the dates being: October 20th, October 30th, December 7th, in 1925 and January 26th, April 7th, May 24th and September 7th, 1926. One meeting was held in Fremont and the others in Omaha.

Appointments.

1. At the first two meetings held October 20th and 30th the calendar of Standing Committees was made up in time to appear in the printed minutes and were as there published.

2. Subsequent appointments made by the Executive Committee were as follows:

December 7th. 1925. To fill vacancies caused by the removal of Rev. F. J. Weertz, Rev. W. A. Voss was appointed on the Committee on Church Schools and Young Peoples' Societies; and Rev. J. H. Utesch, on the Committee on State of the Church.

May 24th, 1926. To vacancies made by the removal of Rev. Carl G. Aue, D. D., from the bounds of our Synod:

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., on the Executive Committee of Synod until this meeting;

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., on the Adjudication Committee;

Rev. C. L. Stager, on the Committee on Ministerial Pensions and Relief;

Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., as Editor of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran;

Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., on the Tithers' League;

Rev. W. A. Voss on the Publicity Committee.

To the vacancy on the Committee on Reference and Council made by the removal of Rev. H. L. Greenawalt from the bounds of the Synod, Rev. M. J. Harder was appointed.

September 7th, 1926, the Executive Committee appointed Mr. Herman Stelk and Prof. C. K. Burkholder, both of Fremont, Nebr., to audit the books of the Treasurer of Synod.

Financial Matters.

1. December 7th, 1925, the President of Synod reported to the Executive Committee that the net proceeds from the Waverly Church properties amounted to $1,159.93 and that the same had been turned over to the Treasurer of Synod.

The Executive Committee at this same meeting passed a motion that these funds be loaned to the Synod's Special Salem, Fremont, Lutheran Church fund for a period of three years without interest.

2. At the meeting held April 7th, 1926, and in compliance with the action of Synod last year (see minutes, page73) the Executive Committee authorized the officers of Synod to execute a three-year note to the amount of $3,000 to the Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church of Fremont, Nebr., with the condition incorporated, that should the Salem Church at any time cease to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, said $3,000 with interest at 6% from the time received shall be refunded to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. A cash payment of $1,200 was authorized to be made on the note by the appropriation, as a loan, of the proceeds from the Waverly property and $40.07 appropriated from the Synodical Treasury, leaving an unpaid amount on the Salem Church note of $1,800.00 on which the Synod is to pay 6% interest until paid. Some means should be provided by Synod to retire this note.

3. At the meeting of April 7th, a motion carried appropriating $25.00 from the Synodical Treasury to the Tithers' League Committee for the extension of the Tithers' League.

4. At the same meeting the President of Synod reported the sale of the lot in Yutan, Nebraska, to the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Yutan for a consideration of $298.00 paid to the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the United Lutheran Church in America in satisfaction of the mortgage held by said Board on this and other lots now owned by the said St. John's Lutheran Church and the Executive Committee authorized a quit claim deed to be executed by the officers of Synod, which was done.

5. At the meeting of September 7th, the Executive Committee authorized the "Daily Lutheran", published during the coming convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, to be sent to the pastors on the roll of the Nebraska Synod at a cost to the Synod of $23.00. This action was requested of the Synods by the publishers of the Lutheran as the only practical way of distributing the Convention Daily.

6. The President reported the finances of the York Church to the Executive Committee, the same being accepted by the Committee and on file with the minutes of the Executive Committee.

St. James Church.

In accordance with the action of Synod last year authorizing the enrollment of the St. James Church of Lincoln when the Constitutional provisions should be complied with by said church in its application for membership to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee, those constitutional conditions were finally complied with and the enrollment authorized by the Executive Committee January 26th, 1926.

Recommendations Passed by the Executive Committee.

1. At the meeting of December 7th, 1925, the following action was taken:

"Moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Committee recommend to Synod a change in the By-Laws, see Section 1, Item 1, to read: 'The time of the annual meeting of Synod shall be as near the 18th of May as convenient.'"

2. At the same meeting the following motion was passed: "Moved, seconded and carried that we recommend that the Synodical year correspond with the calendar year and that all reports correspond accordingly."

3. At the meeting of September 7th, 1926, the following motion was passed: "That we recommend to the special committee appointed at Synod on Revision of the Constitution, see minutes of 1925, page 74, that the committee bring in a recommendation for ad interim license to be granted upon recommendation of the Examining Committee to the Executive Committee of Synod and by vote of the Executive Committee."

President's Resignation.

At the meeting of September 7th, the President of Synod read his resignation as Full-Time President and the same was accepted with the understanding that he continue as Acting President until this meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.
W. F. RANGELER, Chairman.

Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., was elected to fill the two year term on the Executive Committee.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Movement was read by Rev. K. de Freese and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT COMMITTEE

There is but little to report as far as tangible results are concerned, due in part to the overlaping of work with other committees. Two mem-

bers of the committee left the bounds of the state. The remaining three members, who live in Omaha, held a meeting. The result of which was the sending of a letter to the congregations of Synod urging especially two points: that of paying the full apportionment and the sending of a lay delegate from every congregation to this meeting. This, together with the visit of Mr. Arthur Black, general secretary of the Laymen's Movement, will, we hope, bear some fruit.

Furthermore, as a committee appointed to form a point of contact between Synod and the Women's Missionary Society, we wish to report that the contact was established insofar as we were able. We have advised the officers of the Missionary Society of the purpose of this committee and have volunteered our service in any way that might be mutually beneficial.

K. de FREESE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Church Schools was read by Rev. R. E. Rangeler. In connection with this report Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., was heard. Upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SCHOOLS.

In the report this year, the Church Schools of our Synod will be checked up with the LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOOL STANDARD, using the reports sent in to Dr. Lewis during January of this year as the basis for the report. Only 34 reports were received from the Church Schools of Nebraska.

Following are the points of the Standard and the report on each point.

1. SCHOOL OPEN EVERY SUNDAY. With very few exceptions the Church Schools are open the 52 Sundays of the year. A few Church Schools still take a vacation, or are on a part time basis.

2. MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR THE OFFICERS AND TEACHERS. Only 20 Church Schools report that they have monthly meeting for the officers and teachers, one reports a meeting held quarterly and two report that they "try to" have such meetings.

3. LUTHERAN LITERATURE USED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS. The reports show that with few exceptions the literature used is printed or edited by our own Publication House.

4. TEACHER TRAINING CLASSES. On this fourth point many of our Schools fall down. Despite the crying need for trained teachers, only 11 Schools report Teacher Training Classes. And of these only 5 are enrolled at Lutheran Headquarters and 5 classes are taking the examinations. The way to have trained and competent teachers for our Church Schools is to train them and the Teacher Training Course offers itself as the means to be used.

5. BIBLES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS ABOVE THE PRIMARY. In answer to this question, six answer "yes", one "in part" and the rest

are either silent on the question or answer no. The light, flexible and easily carried (and lost) lesson quarterly seems to be a general favorite. The Bible as the Text Book and the lesson quarterly as a guide and a help to the study would be the ideal way.

6. GRADED ORGANIZATION AND GRADED INSTRUCTION. The reports show that practically all of the Schools are graded and used graded instruction, in some if not all departments. The new plan of grading as outlined by our Parish and Church School Board is to be highly recommended.

7. 70% AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OF THE ENROLLMENT. The average percentage of attendance of the Church Schools reporting is 58 plus. The local average ranges from 44 to 85%. This reveals one of the weak places in our Church School work—a small average attendance.

8. CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION. One bright spot in the report is this point. In keeping with Lutheran estimation of the value of the Catechetical Class and Instruction, practically all of our Church Schools report the Catechetical Class.

9. SYSTEMATIC MISSIONARY INSTRUCTIONS AND OFFERINGS. This is another weak point in the Standard of Lutheran Schools. Only eight schools report definite Missionary Instruction. Three report Missionary Instruction on Special Days and one reports "occasionally". A few report offerings for benevolence on special occasions.

10. FESTIVAL DAYS OBSERVED IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL. Lutheran teachings again reveal themselves here, as practically all of our Church Schools report the observance of the main festivals of the Church Year.

The Lutheran Standard for Church Schools is recommended as a splendid guide for efficient work in the Church School. Let it be our guide for the coming year. When the Church Schools can measure up to this standard favorably it will be a sign of health in our Church Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. E. RANGELER.

Rev. R. A. White was elected Historian of the Nebraska Synod for the ensuing year.

Rev. C. S. Bream and Mr. J. H. Humpe were elected Trustees of Tabitha Home from the Nebraska Synod for one year.

Report of the Mission Committee was read by Dr. W. F. Rangeler and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Mission Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska begs leave to submit the following report:

Since the last meeting of Synod this Committee has held five meetings, one at Fremont and four at Omaha.

At its meeting in Fremont, October 23rd, 1925, the Committee organized by electing Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Chairman, Mr. E. V. Enholm of Omaha, Treasurer, and Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., Secretary.

During the year the Committee has had under its care five regular missions and has kept up a new work at Bridgeport, Nebr.

The pastorates receiving aid from the Home Mission Board this Synodical year are:

Omaha, (Benson) First Church.
Lincoln, St. James.
Sidney-Gurley charge.
South Sioux City.
York and the new work at Bridgeport.

The First Church of Benson, Omaha, Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., pastor, was organized in 1907.

The St. James Lutheran Church of Lincoln was begun September 1st, 1924, and organized January 4th, 1925.

Trinity Church, Sidney, was organized 1886, and Grace Church, Gurley, in 1916. These churches have been served as one charge and the pastor is Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

First English Lutheran Church of South Sioux City, Rev. George E. Mortensen, Pastor, was organized in 1920.

First United Lutheran Church of York, Rev. J. L. Sawyer, Pastor, was organized in 1903, disbanded December 28th, 1924, and reopened March 29th, 1925, by the President of Synod.

An unorganized new work at Bridgeport has been carried on during the year by the Secretary of this committee, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., and Student Clifford Larson of the Maywood Theological Seminary served the field very acceptably for three months during the summer.

The Missionary pastors in all these fields have labored most earnestly and faithfully and much good has been wrought in ministering the gospel means of grace in these congregations and communities and in building up the Church of our Lord.

Benson, Omaha, Sidney-Gurley, and South Sioux City have all made substantial reductions in the amount of aid asked for this year and at the same time lessened their local debts or supported local repair and building projects. The Sidney congregation of Pastor Kahse's field is now finishing a splendid new parsonage. These building projects are noted under the President's Report, which see.

The St. James Mission of Lincoln, Nebraska, was served from May 24th, 1925, to August 1st, 1926, by Rev. A. H. Miles, Pastor of the Synod of Ohio, who relinquished the field August 1st, 1926. A call has just been extended by this mission to Rev. E. H. Kreutz of Stamford, Nebraska, who will doubtless take charge of the Mission in a few weeks.

The York Mission is making commendable progress and handling its local problems admirably under the pastoral care of Rev. J. L. Sawyer,

a student in Western Theological Seminary. It is well on the way to a permanent reorganization.

The group at Bridgeport is only a group and nothing more, no attempt at organization having been made as yet. But it is a group of excellent people anxious for pastoral service and care in the faith of their fathers.

Our experience acting both as President of Synod and as Missionary Superintendent in the more remote parts of this state has led us to feel that our Home Missionary work ought to be changed in some way in its administration, so that Missionary pastors could be placed in districts to seek out and minister to our scattered people as well as to all unchurched homes and break to them the bread of life. It is hard work and work largely beneath the surface of public notice, but it is work that will bear much fruit in the Eternal Kingdom of God.

We have not been satisfied with the Home Mission work in our state, partly because we have seen the fields and could not reach them and partly because of the difficulty in securing, placing and maintaining Missionary pastors who are suited to such work.

Many opportunities of our church have been lost in the past because of the lack of Home Missionary Enterprise at the proper time. Much may yet be done, for opportunities are plentiful, did the Lord get the true Missionary service from his people in our churches that belong to Him.

May the Lord raise up more laborers for this important vineyard of His Church.

W. F. RANGELER, Superintendent.

Omaha, Nebraska, October 9, 1926.

This is to certify that we have this day audited the records of the Synodical Mission Board and have found the same to be correct.

Balance according to Treasurer's book	$618.14
Outstanding voucher No. 661	3.50
Balance according to bank	621.64
Certificates of deposit issued by the State Bank of Omaha.	
No. 19715	$ 250.00
No. 19716	250.00
No. 19717	250.00
No. 19719	250.00
No. 19720	250.00
No. 19727	302.53
Total	$1,552.53

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. GLOYER, H. W. FISCHER, Committee.

Miss Mary E. Markley, Litt. D., Secretary of the Board of Education of the U. L. C., presented the work of this board.

Report of the Board of Trustees of Midland College was read by Dr. G. B. Weaver. In connection with this report Rev. H. F. Martin, D. D., was heard. Upon motion the report was adopted.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE.

A Christian College is a real power house. A church with strong schools grows and makes progress while a church with weak schools becomes weaker and continues at a poor dying rate. Midland College and Western Seminary are mighty big factors in doing our work in this great agricultural section of our country. To get our people to realize the importance of this institution is a real problem. The College has had another good year, and continues to overcome difficulties and struggles.

The Board of Trustees held its regular annual meeting on Wednesday, June 2, 1926. The reports show that we have faithful servants in our College and Seminary. Among the recommendations adopted, one is that the Board hold two meetings a year; one as usual in June and the other one the first Tuesday in December. Another recommendation is that the President of the College proceed to work out a plan whereby the new girls' dormitory may be completed in the near future. Dr. Martin is here to present his plans to Synod for ratification.

New Teachers.

Because of growth and changes there are new teachers each year. Ten new ones are members of the Midland Faculty this year. Five of these are additions to the Faculty and five are replacements. Prof. J. G. White is the new Dean of the College and teacher of history; he succeeds the former Dean, E. Clyde Xander. Prof. Elwood Murray has charge of the department of English and Public Speaking; he succeeds Prof. M. F. Schory. Mr. Joe Catlin is the Athletic Coach and Physical Director for men; he succeeds Mr. Max Houser. Mr. Cornelius Daly is assistant in chemistry; he succeeds Mr. George Black. Miss Block is the Physical Rirector for women and succeeds Mrs. Maurice Gardner. Prof. A. L. Lugn heads the department of Biology and Geology. Prof. W. Emerson Reck is the director of publicity and teacher of Journalism and Freshman English. Dr. W. F. Rangeler is the new Professor of Church History and Homiletics in the Seminary and American History in the College. Prof. Curt Runze is assistant in Languages. And according to the action of the Board last June Mr. H. G. Vollmer of Burlington, Iowa, has been selected as assistant to the President in the solicitation of funds for the new dormitory and its erection.

Repairs.

Some changes in several buildings have been made for better service for the College. This has required a great deal of work during the sum-

mer. The Library was moved from its cramped quarters on the second floor of the Administration Building to a large room on the first floor, formerly used for a Chapel. This is utilizing space that had not been used for several years. All the College offices were moved to the rooms formerly occupied by the Library, thus placing all the offices together on one floor. The room, formerly occupied by the Treasurer, is now a good recitation room. The Chemistry Laboratory was moved from the third floor to the first floor and with some changes has larger and better quarters. In the basement of the Science Hall a room was fitted up for the new Biology Department. East Hall, the girls' dormitory, was completely renovated, including rooms, corridors, dining room and kitchen. West Hall, the boys' dormitory, which has been practically empty the past year, now houses sixteen boys. It has been completely renovated and repaired and put into good condition for the occupancy of the boys.

COLLEGE AND SEMINARY ENROLLMENT.

The College and Seminary have opened with a large number of students. The College attendance is not quite up to the record of a year ago. And yet the summer school was the best and largest in its history. The Seminary has a larger attendance than formerly. The Junior class is larger than usual. The latest figures are as follows: Seminary, 15; Irregulars in the College, 13; Seniors, 24; Juniors, 33; Sophomores, 72; Freshmen, 83; Academy, 7; Commercial Department, 37; others, 15; Saturday School, 7; Extension Department, 22; Summer School, 254. The total is 570. Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary are continuing to prove their usefulness and importance.

Finances.

The College has re-established its credit with the banks of Fremont, and is thus able to perform its work in a better way financially. The debt has been reduced by about $20,000 through pledges paid in.

Recommendations.

1. That we pledge anew our prayers, our efforts and our finances to assist Dr. Martin in building up a greater institution in Midland College.

2. That Midland College be placed upon the Synodical Apportionment of the Nebraska Synod to the amount of $1.00 per capita on same basis as other benevolent objects in order to help the College meets its budget for 1926 and 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER, Chairman.

The President called the attention of the Publicity Committee to their duties in connection with reporting the meetings of Synod to the usual publications.

Report of the Committee on Evangelism was read by Rev. O. W. Ebright and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

At the last meeting of Synod, the Committee on Evangelism offered three recommendations concerning the work for this last year, and they were adopted.

They were as follows: (1) That our pastors show greater interest in the Synod-wide programs (intended to advance the evangelistic work). (2) That the Synod again approve of a series of pre-Lenten missions during the month of February. (3) That the Synod designate the Sunday preceding these services as a day of prayer.

We are all well aware to what extent these recommendations were carried out.

Activity of Committee.

About January 1st, the Committee on Evangelism of the U. L. C. mailed to every pastor of the Nebraska Synod a little booklet, "Congregational Evangelism in Principle and Practice."

January 12th, the synodical committee appointed a district chairman, or key-man, in each of the seven districts of the Nebraska synod and mailed a circular letter to each of the pastors urging group meetings in accordance with the recommendations adopted by this body last year. We also suggested congregational plans for the ingathering of the unchurched adults.

In July we mailed a questionnaire to every pastor with a congregation, in which we asked for the results of the year's evangelistic efforts. We are delighted to say, that to this request 97% of the pastors responded.

Results.

The first question that was asked was concerning the Junior work. We used the word "Junior" to differentiate between the catechization of the children and the adult catechetical work.

The following facts were revealed:

That four of our pastors did not have Junior classes this year.

That 75 per cent of our pastors give at least 24 lessons before confirmation.

That most of these classes meet weekly; two, twice per week; one, 5 hours per week; one requires two years of work before confirmation.

The total reports show that 345 catechumens were thus received this last year.

The Adult Work.

Reports show that 14 pastors had adult classes. With the exception of one, these classes met at the church once a week. The excepted one was twice a week and met in different homes. The average size of classes was 18.

Twelve pastors catechized people in their own home, giving on the average of 5 lessons before being received.

One church practices a "reading course" with examinations for those unable to attend the adult class.

Assisting Workers.

Eight pastors report having lay members assisting in gathering together prospective adult members. Forty-nine workers are thus reported for the entire Synod.

Evangelism.

It is in the evangelism of the unchurched adult that our Lutheran Church is woefully weak. Our Committee on Evangelism of our United Lutheran Church urges definite systematic efforts in bringing into the church those adults of every community who either have never acknowledged Christ or who did in their youth but have fallen away.

Many pastors when a communion time approaches, sit down and say to themselves, "Now, let's see, whom can I get into the Church this communion?"

Every pastor should have a list of prospective members which he carries through from year to year. The U. L. C. committee suggests a card index. Prospective members are all of the unchurched in a community. There is a very small percent of the unchurched who can long resist the pleadings of the Holy Spirit in response to the prayers of the Church, if accompanied by friendly invitations of pastor and church members.

The Adult Class.

Doubtless the best method of adult evangelism is through the adult class. Through this method you are not only teaching the future member what the Church teaches but you are causing him to practice, in part, what it teaches. You are making him come with others into God's house and you can better acquaint him with worship. If a prospective member will not come regularly to a class in the church, you can depend upon it, he will not come regularly to worship even though you are able to get him there some Sunday and "take him in".

The question is how to get the adults in a class.

One method, but not one sufficient in itself, is the Public Meeting plan. The best example of which we know is the church at Princeton, Ill., under the leadership of Pastor T. B. Uber. They held a series of meetings every year with services every evening. The pastor preached sermons especially intended for the unbelieving soul. There were two factors that contributed to the success of their work. (1) The members of the congregation signed pledges that they would themselves attend the meetings unless providentially prevented. (2) Personal visitation of the pastor and lay workers, upon the unchurched whose names had been gathered through the entire year. The purpose of these meetings was not to receive people into the church but to enroll them in the adult class which followed.

Another method for enrolling the adult class is the personal work. This is the sure foundation. But I believe that the pastor who does this work alone is making a mistake. Much more effective will his efforts be if he can take with him a layman of his church or persuade some of his members to go and visit the people. Many of the churches of the

other denominations are turning from the revivalistic method to this personal evangelism. And they are successful in using many of their lay members.

The dedication of a book entitled "Scriptural Evangelism", by Rockey, 1925, reads as follows:

"To those active laymen, members of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who themselves went out into the streets and highways of the city and brought in members, who enumerated names of persons who they believed could be won, compelling a youthful, newly ordained missionary to set down those names with street addresses in a prospective membership list, thus inducting the youthful missionary in his small mission congregation into his first duties as Paul's co-laboring Evangelist."

The field is there, for none of us is in a commuity where there are not unchurched people. They cannot resist the Holy Spirit and our friendly invitations. Remember that even the dry bones came to life when Ezekiel prophesied unto them the Word of the Lord. We are the evangelists of God.

Recommendations.

1. That every pastor establish in his church and community a definite time each year when an adult class will begin studying the great truths of the Christian religion.
2. That he continually keep a list of the unchurched in the community insofar as he finds it possible.
3. That we as pastors endeavor to interest lay members in personal evangelism.

O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

Rev. G. B. Weaver, D. D., and Mr. Jos. H. Miller, M. D., were elected Trustees of Midland College for the three-year term.

Mr. W. F. Ottman, President of the State Brotherhood, brought greetings to the Synod and presented their cause.

Report of the Committee on State of the Church was read by Rev. A. O. Frank and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In making the report this year, your committee has followed the same plan we used last year, with a few added comparisons showing growth or decrease in activity. Forty-five reports were received out of a possible 56 and all figures and statements are based on these reports alone or those reporting on the particular question.

1. Public Worship.

The reports as received indicate that the often-heard statement, "People no longer attend services as formerly," to be unfounded. Twenty-

nine congregations report increasing church attendance; 15 as stationary and only one as decreasing.

The morning services are the better attended, averaging 124. The evening services average 75, an increase of ten over last year. Twelve congregations report no evening service, some few of these holding evening services during Lent.

The total attendance per Sunday at both services is 7,969, an increase of 1,504 over last year. However, less than half of our confirmed membership attends the morning worship and over 3,000 do not attend either service.

The male membership of the church averages 42½%.

The youth question, which has led to considerable thought in recent years, shows a most decided turn for the better. Whereas, last year, all but one of the pastors reporting indicated difficulty in holding the young people, this year only 26 report so; while 15 report little or no difficulty; with four failing to report on this vital question. Solutions offered might be summed up under two heads. (a) Spiritual strengthening of the home; leaving the solution largely with the parents. (b) Increased church responsibility; turning to the church and youth for a solution.

Reports on the question of the family altar, show our membership amazingly indifferent toward this home virtue. One wonders why so many of our pastors are unwilling or unable to report on this phase of their pastoral oversight.

With the exception of the Lenten season, only one congregation holds a mid-week service. We question why our Lutheran churches so uniformly avoid this service while other Protestant bodies lay emphasis upon it?

Our common service is used in 35 congregations, while 9 do not use it and two use the Washington service.

2. Festival Seasons.

With but few exceptions congregations report the observance of the main festivals of the church. One reports, "all, including ascension day," which we wish might be said of all congregations. Thirty-nine report Lent observed and stressed. Two report no observance, which is six less than reported "no observance" last year.

3. Lutheran Practice.

Holy Communion is administered four times a year in practically all congregations with seventeen congregations holding separate preparatory services.

Catechetical instruction is practiced in all congregations, with the one-year period for children predominating. Some few have two-year courses and the adult periods of instruction varies greatly. In thirty of our congregations, members received from other than Lutheran churches are first instructed. Seven report they do not, several with emphasis on the "not". The increase in the practice of instruction shows a most favorable condition. We can not give catechetical instruc-

tion too prominent a place in our work. Thorough instruction is most desirable.

4. Church Schools.

Lutheran lesson literature is used almost exclusively. A total of 1,739 adults are enrolled in 82 classes. This is an increase of 12 classes during the year. Two schools report no adult classes and four make no report. Figures show that thousands of our Lutheran adults have either never enrolled in our schools or "graduated" from them. We also learn that 59% of those attending school services remain for the preaching service. Several schools report 100% attending the preaching service but all of these were either rural schools or those using the combination service. Perhaps we might all move our schools into the country or use the combination service to good advantage. Practically all pastors teach in their schools.

5. Church Societies.

Either the reports of last year have been corrected or many entered the service the past year for there is an increase of 21, with a total of 33 persons sent into definite Christian service, according to this year's reports. Ten congregations report 22 candidates preparing for definite Christian service. The other 35 reporting none in training.

There are fifteen organized Brotherhoods with a total membership of 540. Though we have six more organizations reporting, the total membership is 18 less than last year. Seven report that organization a success, five as unsuccessful or partially so. Several report they are not affiliated with either the state or national organization, while one reports to be affiliated with the "dead". Minutes of last year show our women to have over 2,500 members organized in societies. Judging from the amount of work done by them, one is led to say, "It pays to be organized for service". Grateful for what our women do, we would like to remind our men that Jesus chose 12 men for his first co-laborers.

6. Church Finances.

The E. M. C. is not as popular as it was a year ago. Sixteen reporting a canvass this year, 19 reported "no" and 7 raise funds by subscription, while one by taxation. Thirty-two congregations have introduced the duplex envelope system; 11 do not use it, two use the "duplex homilopes" and 2 the single envelope system.

In 18 congregations quarterly statements are sent out; 27 report annual, semi-annual or no statements sent. One reports pledges are collected and percentage paid on collection to the collectors. There are 205 tithers in the Synod. Seventeen congregations report "no tithers" and 7 pastors report "Do not know of any". Tithing is stressed in 32 congregations and in 19 it is not.

Instruction in Scriptual Stewardship deserves any pastor's time and effort. We will never have a giving church until we instruct the members how and why to give.

Only 77% of our confirmed membership contribute to current expenses and 73% to benevolence. God's Word teaches that EVERY man

is to "render unto God that which is God's". Twenty-five congregations pay their benevolence monthly. Can we honestly face our Saviour and say that $4.92 a year is too much money to spend for missionary purposes, while we spend many times that for luxuries?

Pastors' salaries average $1,971.33. Some receive additional funds for rent, while others do not, and some have a parsonage free. All but five congregations pay their pastor's salary regularly. Four furnish an automobile and several have special allowances for the upkeep of one.

Buildings as a whole are reported as insured and in good condition During the year $43,755 has been spent for improvements of property and new buildings.

7. As a rule church records are well kept with a number keeping valuable papers and books in bank or church vaults.

This report must of necessity be somewhat inaccurate since many reports were but partially filled out, while others had questions misconstrued and information was useless.

After a two-year study of the question and answers, we would suggest a revision of the wording of several questions before additional copies are printed.

On the whole the reports prove the church has made progress and we can feel greatly encouraged for our future work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. FRANK, Chairman.

Rev. A. O. Soholm was elected Trustee of Midland College for the two-year term.

Report of the Special Committee on Constitution was read by Rev. Geo. Dorn.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Your committee appointed to bring in suitable amendments to the Constitution submits the following report:

In order to conform the Constitution with the Articles of Incorporation, amend, strike out Paragraph "E" of Section 5, Article III, and substitute the following:

"The President and Secretary shall be vested with the power of leasing, selling, conveying, or in any manner alienating the real property of this Synod, the President and Secretary signing all deeds, conveyances, leases or other legal documents, imprinting thereon the seal of this corporation as defined in Article XI of this Constitution. However no conveyance or leases shall be signed by the President and Secretary unless they have the approval of the Executive Committee".

Amend, strike out Paragraph "B" of Section 6, Article III.

Amend, strike out the designation of the first paragraph of Section 6, Article III with an (A).

Amend Article V, Section 3, Paragraphs "C" and "D" by substituting the name "Board of American Missions" for the name "Board of Home Missions and Church Extension", wherever the latter name appears.

Amend Section VIII, Item 5, of the By-Laws, to read as follows:

"Remuneration of officers shall be as follows until changed by action of Synod: President, $3,300.000 and traveling expenses, $3,000.00 to be paid from the Synodical Treasury and $300 from the Mission funds; Secretary, $15.00; Treasurer, $25.00, annually."

At the direction of the Executive Committee of Synod we recommend to amend Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution as follows:

1. Strike out from Paragraph (A) beginning with line five the words: "and having satisfactorily passed the first and second years in an accepted Theological Seminary of the Lutheran Church".

2. Add a Paragraph "J" to read as follows: "An Ad Interim License may be granted by the Executive Committee of Synod on the recommendation of the Examining Committee. However, no one shall be granted an Ad Interim License who has not been called or appointed to a regular place to supply by permission or direction of the President of Synod"

By direction of the President of Synod we also include the following action of the Executive Committee of Synod, as of December 7, 1925:

"That we strike from Item 1, Section 1, of the By-Laws, line two, the words: "10th of October" and substitute the words: "18th of May" so that the amended By-Law would read as follows: "The time of the annual meeting of Synod shall be as near the 18th of May each year as convenient, etc."

Amend Item 2, Section 2, of the By-Laws, line five, after the words: "the Synodical minutes" add the clause: "All congregational reports shall correspond to the calendar year".

Amend Item 2, Section 2, of the By-Laws, lines five and six by striking the words: "at least four weeks before the meeting of Synod" and substitute the following: "one month after the close of the calendar year". In line seven after the word "closed" add "two months".

The amended section would read:

"The duties of the Statistician shall be to gather the parochial reports from the various congregations of the Synod before each annual session and tabulate them alphabetically according to the location of pastorates for report to Synod and for the Synodical minutes. All congregational reports shall correspond with the calendar year. He shall send out the blanks one month after the close of the calendar year. His report shall be closed two months before the meeting of Synod and posted on the opening day, etc."

In the matter of the election of a President we recommend that to Item 5 of Section 2 of the By-Laws there be added the following:

"In the election of a President the following rule shall prevail: There shall be no election on the first ballot unless it is unanimous; three-fourths majority on the second ballot; two-thirds majority on the

third ballot; and if the third ballot fails to result in an election, the fourth ballot shall be confined to the two persons who in the third ballot receive the highest number of votes and no vote cast for any other shall be counted. In the fourth or succeeding ballots a majority of the votes shall elect".

We further recommend that a committee be appointed to revise and simplify the Constitution so as to place each phase of the work of the Synod under a definite Article to report at the next annual meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. GEORGE DORN, Chairman.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. R. A. White.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8:00 O'CLOCK.

The Service was conducted by the Officers of Synod. The Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D. The text was I Timothy 4:14, and the theme was "The Laying on of Hands in the Sacred Service of Ordination." The service of Licensure and of Ordination was conducted by the President and Secretary of Synod, assisted by the Examining Committee. The following young men were licensed: Paul C. White and Carl H. Kemper. Henry Dumler and Alfred W. Young were ordained.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:00 O'CLOCK.

The Devotional Service was conducted by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. J. L. Sawyer.

The roll of ministers and lay delegates was called.

Minutes of the previous afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

Report of Auditors' Report of Mission Committee was read by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., and upon motion adopted.

Mr. L. H. Steinhoff, Licentiate of the Rocky Mountain Synod, was introduced to Synod by Rev. Anspach.

Report of Committee on Reference and Council was read by Rev. H. A. Anspach, and upon motion adopted.

Report of Committee on Pooling and Claims was read by Rev. E. C. Mortensen and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS AND POOLING.

At the meeting of Synod in St. Mark's, Omaha, 1924, the following By-Law was adopted as Item IX under Section 4:

"At each convention of Synod the President shall appoint a committee which shall determine the average of the railroad fares of all delegates present to and from their respective charges. At the close of the convention, the Treasurer of Synod shall pay to each delegate whose fare is above the average, provided he remain to the end of Synod, the amount that it is above. And the Synodical Treasurer shall send a bill for payment to the Treasurer of each congregation whose delegates' fares were below the average, for the amount that they were below. It is understood that a clergy member who is not regularly serving a congregation personally pool his expense with the other members of Synod".

Immediately following the adoption of the above By-Law action was taken suspending the same until the meeting of Synod in 1925.

At the meeting in 1925, the above By-Law was again suspended. Also an amendment was offered which was to govern a standing committee on pooling, the same to be voted on at this meeting of Synod. Following is the action:

"The Executive Committee shall appoint a committee, which at least one month previous to the annual convention, shall determine the average of the railroad fares to and from all pastorates and the places of residence of the clergy members not regularly serving congregations, and at that time shall notify the council of each congregation whose delegates' railroad fare is below the average, that its delegates shall pay upon enrollment the amount which said fare is below the average, and shall notify the council of each congregation whose delegates' fare is above the average that the amount said fare is above the average will be refunded to its delegates provided that they attend the convention and remain until its close".

In consideration of the apparent fact that the church councils and pastors have failed to co-operate in above action making this plan of pooling a failure, as it seems all previous plans have been, we suggest that action concerning pooling this year be rescinded and that the moneys paid in be returned, but that Synod honor the claims of those who were guaranteed a refund by the action of the Pooling Committee in accordance with the action of Synod last year.

We further suggest, that a By-Law be prepared by which in the future delegates who remain to the close of Synod, whose railroad fare is above the average be paid from the Treasury of Synod upon the close of the sessions.

In keeping with the above, we recommend that the Synod refund to the following lay delegates and pastors the following amounts to which their fares exceed the average of $10.52 for full fare and $7.66 for two-thirds fare:

Rev. Wm. Hoffman	$ 3.04
G. F. Koester	5.54
Rev. W. H. Saas	1.56
Rev. R. Rangeler	1.32

Dr. C. B. Harman	.26
A. L. Buechler	1.22
Rev. E. C. Mortensen	.64
Henry Pedersen	1.92
Dr. M. Koolen	.36
G. Hahn	1.50
Rev. H. A. Anspach	9.38
Chas. Breternitz	5.04
H. C. Leonard	10.34
Dr. W. T. Kahse	15.10
Rev. Geo. Mortensen	1.94
Rev. E. H. Kreutz	3.56
Otto Lubeck	6.32
Rev. R. A. White	1.70
Paul White	3.52
Rev. C. P. Karriker	3.19

Your committee also recommends the payment of the following claims:

Rev. Charles S. Bream	$17.10
Dr. J. H. Miller	34.20
Rev. Geo. Dorn	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. MORTENSEN, Chairman.

Report of Apportionment Committee was read by Rev. C. S. Bream. Motion made and seconded that the Committee be instructed to bring in an apportionment which will not increase the total budget of last year. Carried.

Report of Committee on President's Report was read by Rev. O. W. Ebright and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee has received and studied the President's Report. We note the volume and extent of work that has come under the hand and jurisdiction of this faithful servant of the Synod. Doubtless proper resolutions concerning his work will be offered by the Committee on Resolutions.

Among the many items of interest in this report are those enumerating the unusual number of material improvements in the churches and institutions of our Synod.

Under the recommendations which are offered, we recommend that all be adopted.

Concerning No. 1, we recommend that the history of Tabitha Home, written by Rev. White, be formally accepted by the Synod.

Secondly, concerning No. 2 and No. 3, we recommend that all plans of the Synod such as apportionments, etc., be made at this meeting of Synod for fifteen months—from October the first, 1926, to December the 31st, 1927.

O. W. EBRIGHT.

Rev. Geo. Dorn read the report of the Committee on the action on By-Laws. Motion made, seconded and carried that Amendment No. 1 be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that Amendment No. 2 be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that Amendment No. 3 be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that Amendment No. 4 be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that Amendment No. 5 be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that the report as a whole be adopted.

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J. GEORGE DORN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Conference Minutes and Reports was read by Rev. M. J. Harder. Motion made and seconded to adopt item by item. Carried. Motion made and seconded that report be adopted as amended by Synod. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES AND REPORTS.

The North Platte Conference met at the Church of the Redeemer, South Sioux City, May 11, 12 and 13th. and the South Platte at Trinity Lutheran Church, Stamford, April 29 and 30th.

Both Conferences had most profitable sessions, and dealt with questions of practical natures.

The examination of the Minutes reveals the following actions which are of interest to Synod:

North Platte: 1, Motion prevailed that we request Synod to memorialize the U. L. C. Convention that they cause to have published, in pamphlet form, the morning and evening form of worship, together with a collection of the most familiar tunes, for the convenience of mission workers.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. HARDER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education was read by Dr. G. B. Weaver. Motion made and seconded that the report be adopted as amended by Synod. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

A new agency is at work in the Church in helping young men to prepare for the ministry. This is the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Because of this agency our Synod has not had quite as many applications for aid for the last two or three years. After Synod has given aid for several years some of the young men apply to the Laymen's Movement and some are recommended to them for aid and some receive part from the Synod and part from the Laymen's Movement. We are glad for this new agency, and the men of the Church who have such

an interest in the young men preparing for the greatest work man can do are to be commended.

During the past year our Synod assisted six young men.

Paul White, Middler in the Seminary	$ 200.00
Henry Scherer, Middler in the Seminary	200.00
Herbert Dichsen, Sophomore in College	175.00
Wm. M. Harwick, Sophomore in College	200.00
Leo R. Nielsen, Sophomore in College	200.00
Wm. Fred Martin, Irregular Freshman in College	100.00
	$1,075.00

These young men have done their work in the Seminary and in the College in a commendable way as their grades show. All of them have been at work during the summer, trying to earn as much as possible for this year. The spirit of work is the proper one for the true minister of Christ. Two of these young men are teaching this year; Henry Scherer and Leo R. Nielsen. We hope that both of them will be back in school next year; Henry Scherer to finish his course in the Seminary and Leo R. Nielsen to continue his work in the College.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the following young men receive aid for the year:

Paul White, Senior in the Seminary	$ 200.00
Herbert Dichsen, Junior in College	200.00
Carl H. Kemper, Senior in the Seminary	200.00
Harry Coder, Sophomore in College	150 00
Louis C. Weitzenkamp, Irregular Freshman in College	100 00
Wm. Fred Martin, Irregular Freshman in College	150.00
	$1,000.00

2. That the Ministerial Education Fund be granted $1,000.00 by the Apportionment Committee.

3. That all pastors who have a Father and Son Banquet make use of that opportunity to remind the fathers and sons of the Gospel ministry.

G. B. WEAVER, Chairman.

Dr. C. B. Harman presented the following memorial to the U. L. C.:

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska memorializes the United Lutheran Church to this effect:

1. We protest against the proposed action of the Board of Education in decreasing the amount granted to Midland College for current expenses in order to provide a part of the cost of a survey of the colleges of the U. L. C.

2. We protest the payment of any part of the cost of this survey by the colleges of the U. L. C. by the method of with-

holding a part of the amount granted by the Board of Education to the Colleges of the U. L. C. for their current expenses.

3. We believe that the cost of a survey of the Colleges of the U. L. C. should be paid out of the U. L. C. Treasury, inasmuch as this survey was authorized by the U. L. C.

Motion that the memorial be sent to the U. L. C. Seconded and carried.

Motion made and seconded that speakers be limited to two minutes and only one speech allowed on each subject. Carried.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers was read by G. E. Mortensen and upon motion adopted.

Letters and Papers.

Your committee wishes to report receipt of the following communications:

A telegram from attorney for Synod, H. Fischer, from New York:

"Greetings to all the brethren. Let me suggest entire revision of constitution of Synod. It seems to be essential.

(Signed) H. FISCHER."

A telegram from Dr. Seibert of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, expressing regrets at his inability to be present at this session of Synod, and extending greetings and best wishes for a pleasant and profitable convention.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. E. MORTENSEN, Chairman.

Report of Committees on New Congregations and Pastoral Charges was read by Rev. C. R. Lowe and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORAL CHARGES.

Your committee has the honor to report that all matters brought to its attention have been considered and been referred to the proper authorities for action.

C. R. LOWE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Inner Missions was read by Dr. W. T. Kahse and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INNER MISSIONS.

Your committee respectfully calls attention to the two institutions on our territory. Tabitha Home at Lincoln, Nebraska, and the Lutheran Hospice at Omaha, Nebraska.

The former institution, as its report shows, was able to complete its new building, Nazareth, and to extensively repair the old one. The management is to be congratulated and commended.

The Hospice, in charge of the young people of the Luther League, in its first appearance at Synod, brings to us gratifying information as may be seen by the report of the Young People's Secretary.

We heartily recommend these two institutions to the earnest support of the churches.

W. T. KAHSE, Chairman.

Report of Historian was read by Rev. R. A. White and upon motion adopted. Motion made and seconded to refer the suggestion relative to printing and distributing the history of Tabitha Home to the Executive Committee. Carried.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Your Historian would report that there has been one accession to the clerical roll of Synod beside the two added by licensure at the close of the session last year.

There were seven losses as follows: 1 by death, 1 by surrender of certificate and 5 by letters to other Synods.

The clerical roll shows that there have been 348 ministers received into the Synod since its organization in 1871.

During our history, 31 ministers have died. In the same time, 31 in our various congregations have entered the ministry.

The chief work of the Historian during the year has been the preparation of a brief history of Tabitha Home from its founding until it came into the Lutheran Church November 20, 1906. The document is now in the hands of the Executive Board of the Synod.

While Tabitha Home is now an institution of our Church in whose great work we all rejoice, but little is known by our people of the way it came into existence, the great work it did, the heroic efforts and self-denial of its founders and how it survived to find a place in our church. This history is interesting and when known, the home will be all the more appreciated by our people.

If the Synod so desires, I would be glad to have this history printed in pamphlet form and given a general distribution.

I would suggest that the subject of Inner Missions be placed upon the program next year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE.

Report of Necrologist was read by Rev. R. A. White. Upon motion this report was adopted by rising vote with prayer by Dr. L. M. Kuhns.

REPORT OF NECROLOGIST.

The angel of death has again invaded our ranks. At this time it becomes our sad duty to report the death of the last of the early pioneers of our Lutheran Church in Nebraska. On June 8, 1926, the venerable Rev. John Frederic Kuhlman passed to his eternal reward at Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, at the advanced age of 96 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Brother Kuhlman was born in Hanover Province, Germany, November 10, 1829. In 1837 the family emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore, Md., and walked 200 miles to Myersdale, Pa., where they made their home. Rev. Kuhlman studied at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, walking the entire distance of 140 miles. He completed his Theological studies under the direction of a minister of the Western Pennsylvania Synod.

He was licensed to preach at Bedford, Pa., in 1858, and served two charges in Pennsylvania, Wilmore and Lavensville. His great work, however, was done on the territory of our Nebraska Synod. In 1864, he was commissioned by the Allegheny Synod to do mission work in the Territory of Nebraska. He came up the Missouri River, landing at Omaha, preached in Immanuel Lutheran Church of which Dr. H. W. Kuhns was pastor the Sunday following his arrival, went by stage coach to Fremont and walked to Fontenelle, wading through the Elkhorn river.

During his ministry he served, or did pioneer work in the following places: Fontenelle, Hooper, Logan Creek, West Point, Tekamah, Dakota City, Ponca, Nebraska City, Roca, Wilber, York County, (now Benedict), Grand Island and North Platte.

He was one of six General Synod Ministers, who met in Omaha, September 1, 1871, and organized the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was elected its first President. In 1875, he represented the Synod, as the one lone delegate to the General Synod at Baltimore, Md. He served the new Synod as traveling missionary for a time.

Some of the congregations which came into existence through his labors are now in the German, Nebraska Synod. When Brother Kuhlman began his labors here, the Territory of Nebraska was largely an unbroken prairie, and still looked upon by those in the east as a desert region fit only for the abode of wild animals and wild men. Settlements were far apart. Our people from the Eastern States and Europe were widely scattered, and means of travel very much limited. But notwithstanding these distadvantages, our brother covered the territory from the northern part to the southern and from the Missouri river to North Platte. He labored in the day of small things, but had the satisfaction of seeing the work of which he was one of the pioneers become vast and great.

1. Resolved that we hereby record our profound appreciation of the work of Brother Kuhlman, and that the memory of him will ever be cherished by us.

2. Resolved that we assure his surviving relatives of our profound sympathy in their loss, and we pray that they may find comfort in that Gospel that was so dear to our sainted brother.

3. Resolved that the Secretary of Synod furnish copies of this action of Synod to the surviving children of our brother.

4. Resolved that this report be adopted by rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE, Necrologist.

Report of Board of Directors of Midland Assembly was read by Rev. A. O. Frank, also amendments to the Constitution, and upon motion adopted.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY REPORT.

The Executive Committee of the Assembly met April 8, April 27, May 19, May 27, June 14 and June 17th, 1926, to transact the business of the Assembly.

The Board of Directors at its post-assembly meeting submitted for consideration of Synod amendments to the Constitution which will be stated at the close of this report.

The Assembly was held at Midland College, June 20-25, 1926. The program covered the various church activities. The faculty consisted of Mrs. H. C. Bell, Miss Tilda Nelson, Mr. Arthur Black, Rev. A. J. Traver, Dr. C. H. B. Lewis. The program was splendid and decidedly practical in its instruction.

As heretofore, the Assembly was financed by appealing to the congregations of Synod and their respective organizations. The money thus secured, and from registrations, amounted to $442.55; cash paid out, $366.20; balance of $79.35. There is a $300 surplus on interest being saved for a Greater Assembly.

Rev. A. O. Frank was elected President of the Board of Directors. Dr. Geo. N. Mendenhall is the Secretary for the year—representing Midland College Faculty on the Board of Directors.

We announce that next year we will have a Junior Assembly where children will be taken care of and instructed while parents attend the Assembly. Mrs. G. E. Hickman most efficiently conducted a Junior Assembly the past year.

The attendance of pastors last year was better than ever before. We wish to again urge our pastors to co-operate to a greater extent in making the attendance larger, especially so by their own presence, also

by encouraging their church organizations to contribute toward the Assembly, and to urge members to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. FRANK, President.

MIDLAND ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTION.

The Executive Committee submits for consideration of Synod the following amendments to the Constitution:

1. In Article 10, Section 3, insert the word "special" before the word "meetings" in both places where it occurs.

2. Add Section 4 to Article 10 to read "The expenses of the officers to the assembly shall be paid from the Assembly Treasury provided they attend and serve".

3. To Article 5, Section 1, add Division C to read, "The Assembly Secretary shall notify the organizations entitled to make nominations for Members of the Board of Directors for the succeeding year. The Secretary shall indicate the number of representatives and instruct said organization President to present same to Assembly President to be presented to Executive Committee of Synod for appointment at least one month before the annual meeting of Synod."

4. Either to modify By-Law No. 4 or add Section B to By-Law No. 4 (a) to set forth the order for pre-Assembly meeting and (b) for post-Assembly meeting.

Report of Publicity Committee was read by Rev. O. W. Ebright and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY.

Your committee heartily approves of the action of the National Lutheran Council in sending information and story to our Pastors of the Nebraska Synod.

We urge that our pastors see that such news of general information reach the local papers of their community.

We have given information to the local paper concerning these sessions.

O. W. EBRIGHT.

Report of Adjudication Committee was read by Rev. C. H. Lewis and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADJUDICATION

During the past year no matters of serious import have called for the work of the committee.

C. H. B. LEWIS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Architecture was read by Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE.

Your committee did not meet during the last year, and, therefore, has nothing to report to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

M. KOOLEN, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Rev. A. O. Soholm. Motion made, seconded and carried that the first item be adopted by rising vote. Motion made, seconded and carried that second item be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that third item be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that fourth item be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that fifth item be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that sixth item be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that seventh item be adopted. Motion made, seconded and carried that the report be adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

1. Resolved, that we, as a Synod, express to W. F. Rangeler, D. D., our retiring President, our sincere appreciation of his untiring efforts and self-sacrificing labor in promoting the work of our Synod during the past three years, and also of his Christian spirit in rendering service gratutiously since September 1st, 1926; and that we assure him of our good wishes and support in the professorship he has been called to fill in the Western Theological Seminary.

2. Resolved, that we have heard with pleasure the statement of H. F. Martin, Ph. D., President of Midland College, and rejoice in the progress being made in both the college and seminary and assure him of our continued interest and of our support in the development of the institution; and that we approve the plan of the Midland College Student Loan Fund, as outlined by Dr. Martin, and recommend that this matter be brought to the serious attention of all the congregations in our Synod, with the purpose of securing the co-operation of our laity in establishing this as a permanent fund.

3. Resolved, that in view of the prospective action upon the subject of Marriage and Divorce by the coming convention of the United Lutheran Church in America, and without attempting to intervene in any legislation by the highest body of our Church, we declare our adherence to the scriptural and Lutheran teaching upon this perplexing subject and to the positions previously affirmed by this Synod.

4. Resolved, that we express our appreciation of the messages brought by Dr. E. M. Thomas, Dr. Mary Markley, Superintendent E.

Walter, and Mr. W. F. Ottman, and assure them of our interest in and support of the causes they have presented to the Synod.

5. Resolved, that the delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska to the Richmond convention of the United Lutheran Church in America be instructed to solicit the co-operation of the Synods of Kansas, Iowa, Northwest, California, and of the German Nebraska, Pacific, and Rocky Mountain Synods to secure an adjustment of the apportionment levied on these Synods, with a view to obtaining a more equitable reduction of the amounts laid upon these Synods by the apportionment committee of the United Lutheran Church in America, upon the ground that this is virtually missionary territory.

6. That the Committee on the State of the Church be authorized to have an inexpensive card printed for the purpose of obtaining information as to the practice and methods of family worship, and that on the other side of this card there be constructive suggestions as to how to establish and maintain family worship; and that these cards be sent to each Pastor of Synod for use in the homes of his congregation.

7. That as a Synod we congratulate the St. Paul congregation upon the improvements made in their church and wish them abundant success in the work of this parish with the new facilities that these improvements have placed at their command in their church work; and that we extend our hearty thanks and express our grateful appreciation to Pastor Alfred O. Frank and his loyal and faithful people for the splendid entertainment accorded us during our stay in their midst, and that the President of Synod convey our thanks for their cordial hospitality and that the pastor be requested to make this known to his people in the services of the approaching Sabbath.

We recommend that these Resolutons be read to the congregations and printed in the Nebraska Synod Lutheran.

A. O. SOHOLM, Chairman.

An invitation was extended to Synod to hold the next meeting in the Grace Lutheran Church at West Point, Nebr., by the members of that congregation through Rev. W. A. Klink. An invitation was also extended to the Synod to meet at the Salem Lutheran Church at Fremont, Nebr., by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall. The following tellers were appointed for the balloting: Rev. C. P. Karriker, Rev. O. W. Ebright and Mr. A. B. Detwiler. The Salem Lutheran Church at Fremont was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The report of the fraternal delegate to the Women's Missionary Society meeting at Fremont was given by Rev. K. DeFreese.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Appointed by our President, Dr. W. F. Rangeler, to bear the greetings of the Synod of Nebraska to the forty-sixth annual convention of

the Women's Missionary Society at Fremont, I wish to report that the President's request was complied with. The Women's convention opened with an unusual attendance in the beautiful Salem Lutheran Church and all indications pointed to a very successful and profitable meeting. Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, the President of the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska, has made provisions for greetings to be brought to this body.

K. DE FREESE.

Miss Elizabeth Snyder, President of the Auburn Women's Missionary Society, brought greetings to Synod from the Synodical Women's Society.

Motion made and seconded that the election of the editors of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be referred to the Executive Committee for appointment. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the publication of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be continued for another year. Carried.

Report of Committee on Speakers and Chaplain for the next meetings was read by Dr. G. N. Mendenhall and upon motion adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SPEAKERS AND CHAPLAIN FOR NEXT MEETING OF SYNOD.

Communion Sermon, Rev. Walter A. Voss; Alternate, Rev. C. L. Stager.

Ordination Sermon, Rev. H. A. Anspach; Alternate, Rev. Oak Ebright.

Chaplain, Rev. R. A. White; Alternate, Rev. J. A. Lowe.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE N. MENDENHALL.

Motion made and seconded that the per diem expenses of the delegates to the U. L. C. Convention not exceed $6.00. Carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried that Synod reconvene at 1:30.

Adjournment with prayer by Rev. C. R. Lowe.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. A. O. Frank.

Roll of Ministers and Lay Delegates was called.

Minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

In the absence of other reports the President spoke upon th value of the District Conventions. A motion was made and seconded that the list of districts be carried in the printed minutes after the calendar page. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that 1,600 copies of the minutes of Synod be printed and the usual courtesies be extended to the Women's Missionary Society and the Brotherhood for the incorporation of their minutes. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that $10.00 be appropriated for the local congregation for janitor service. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the parochial report for the next convention cover only the months of October, November and December. Carried.

Report of Committee on Apportionment was read by Rev. C. S. Bream and upon motion adopted. Motion made and seconded that the Apportionment Committee prepare two tables, one covering three months and one twelve months. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee reports that the details of the per capita apportionment will be worked out by our Treasurer, a member of this committee. It is impossible to give this before Synod adjourns.

The committee will see that the instructions of Synod, to the effect that there be no increase in the total budget, be adhered to.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES S. BREAM, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your Committee submits the following report based on a total budget of $12,000 for the three months remaining of this year, at which time the new Synodical year begins, which coincides with the calendar year hereafter.

The funds are dvided as follows:

United Lutheran Church	59.5%
Midland College	19.8%
Synod Treasury	12.6%
Ministerial Education	2.5%
Tabitha Home	1.6%
Synod Paper	1.7%
Missionary Committee	1.5%
Seminary Fund	.8%

Average per member, $4.97.

Allen	$ 184	North Platte	$ 548
Auburn	200	Omaha (First)	203
Beatrice	147	Omaha (Grace)	249
Benedict (Bethel)	35	Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	3,938
Benedict (Zion)	105	Omaha (Redeemer)	264
Dakota (Emmanuel)	29	Omaha (St. Luke)	384

Dakota (Salem)	131	Omaha (St. Mark)	321
Davenport	149	Oshkosh	47
Eagle	20	Paxton	76
Emerson	256	Ponca	210
Ericson	32	Potter	35
Falls City	157	Rising City	190
Fremont	288	Sidney	100
Grand Island	587	South Sioux	114
Gurley	109	Stamford (Emmanuel)	27
Hampton	106	Stamford (Trinity)	100
Hardy	87	Stella	44
Homer	82	Sutherland	36
Hooper	175	Tekamah	62
Hubbard	27	Verdon	180
Lewellen	65	Walton	117
Leigh	159	Wayne	329
Lincoln (Grace)	426	West Point	488
Lncoln (St. James)	47	Wilber	61
McCool Junction	82	Wolbach	141
Nebraska City	149	York	60

The total budget for the year beginning January 1st, 1927, is based on $48,000 and divided as follows:

Allen	$ 736	North Platte	$ 2,192
Auburn	800	Omaha (First)	810
Beatrice	587	Omaha (Grace)	994
Benedict (Bethel)	139	Omaha (Kountze Memorial)	15,750
Benedict (Zion)	418	Omaha (Redeemer)	1,054
Dakota (Emmanuel)	114	Omaha (St. Luke)	1,536
Dakota (Salem)	522	Omaha (St. Mark)	1,282
Davenport	596	Oshkosh	189
Eagle	80	Paxton	303
Emerson	1,024	Ponca	840
Ericson	129	Potter	139
Falls Cty	726	Rising City	760
Fremont	1,153	Sidney	398
Grand Island	2,346	South Sioux	457
Gurley	437	Stamford (Emmanuel)	109
Hampton	423	Stamford (Trinity)	398
Hardy	348	Stella	174
Homer	328	Sutherland	144
Hooper	701	Tekamah	249
Hubbard	109	Walton	467
Lewellen	259	Wayne	1,317
Leigh	636	West Point	1,953
Lincoln, Grace	1,705	Wilber	244

Lincoln (St. James)	189	Wolbach	562
McCool Junction	328	Verdon	721
Nebraska City	596	York	239

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES S. BREAM.

The following resolution was read by Rev. H. A. Anspach:

Whereas, the receipts of benevolence money, for the United Lutheran Church are not sufficient to meet the needs of our boards;

Be it resolved (1) that the committee on Laymen's Movement be instructed to give serious study to methods of raising our full apportionment, and to communicate a message of constructive suggestions and exhortation to the pastor and another key-man of his congregation, once each month. (2) That the committee work through the regional workers' conferences, by arranging for exchange and supply of pulpits, etc., to arouse our congregations to the great need of our benevolent causes. (3) That the committee be instructed to furnish an article on benevolence for each number of the synodical paper and (4) that the expense for correspondence incident to this promotional endeavor be borne by the synodical treasury.

Upon motion this resolution was adopted.

Report of Committee on Absentees and Leave of Absence was read by Rev. W. H. Saas and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND EXCUSES.

Your committee reports the absence of the following brethren from all sessions of this Synod, without excuse: Rev. Fred Block, Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Rev. S. L. Keller, Rev. P. Machetzki, Rev. E. Clyde Xander, Rev. A. A. Marohn.

Satisfactory excuses having been given, your committee recommends that the absences of the following brethren from the remaining sessions of Synod be excused: Dr. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. E. A. Vossler, Dr. O. D. Baltzly, Rev. W. A. Klink.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. SAAS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Synodical Paper was given by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., and upon motion adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SYNODICAL PAPER.

The "Nebraska Synod Lutheran" was published during the past year. A couple of issues were combined in order to save expenses. The Perkins Printing Company, Fremont, have printed the paper. The aim

of the committee has been to have a copy of the paper sent to every family of all the congregations of the Synod. Pastors can help in this matter by keeping the mailing list of members up to date, and by sending the same to Perkins Printing Company monthly. All Missionaries from this Synod have been sent copies of the paper.

We recommend:

1. That the publication of the "Nebraska Synod Lutheran" be continued.
2. That financial provision be made by the Synod for the printing of the paper.
3. That editors and business manager be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
W. I. GUSS, Chairman.

Motion made and seconded that the next session of Synod meet on the 17th of May. Carried.

Report of Executive Committee was read by Dr. G. B. Weaver and upon motion adopted.

Final report of Pooling Committee was read by Rev. E. C. Mortensen and upon motion adopted.

Motion made and seconded that the Secretary be authorized to issue vouchers for the two stenographers for their services during this convention. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that any matters pertaining to the time of holding Conferences be left to the Executive Committee. Carried.

Motion that the Secretary be instructed to issue a voucher for $50.00 as the Synod's expression of appreciation to the retiring President was made and seconded. Unanimously carried.

Motion made and seconded to refer the matter of storing old Secretary papers to the Executive Committee. Carried.

Motion made and seconded that the minutes of the afternoon session be referred to the Executive Committee for reading and approval. Carried.

The retiring President installed the newly elected officers.

The convention closed with the regular service.

I hereby certify that the following is a true and exact copy of the proceedings of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Auburn, Nebraska, October 12 *to* 14, 1926.

REV. G. B. WEAVER, D. D., Secretary.
REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D., President.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Lutheran Brotherhood

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF NEBRASKA

HELD AT OMAHA, NEBR., APRIL 9th, 1926

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska was called to order at 2:15 P. M. by President Ottman. Meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Geo. Koester. Greetings by Mr. L. D. Swanson, President Kountze Memorial Brotherhood. Report of the President, F. W. Ottman, was then read. Address by Mr. O. E. Schellberg of the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, "Relation Between Pastor and Brotherhood." Address by Mr. Elmer Johnson of West Point, Neb., "Relation Between the Brotherhood and the Church."

The Brotherhood in action by Rev. J. R. Crain, Executive Secretary Council of Federated Churches, was well received. Rev. Frank of Auburn made a report on the difficulties encountered on their trip to the meeting.

Dr. Rangeler, President of Synod, addressed the meeting on "Glimpses of Brotherhoods." Round table discussion. Rev. Jacob W. Knapp, Executive Secretary of the United Lutheran Church of America, gave an address on "Brotherhood Programs."

Minutes of the 1925 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report read and placed on file. Secretary's report read and approved.

Moved and seconded that auditing committee be appointed, carried. President appointed O. E. Schellberg and Theo. Frank.

Moved, seconded and carried that all minor bills be left to the Executive Committee.